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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

ARMANDO PENHA

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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 PENHA advised SA [redacted] that on 7/21/58 he received a telephone call from GEORGE WILLIAMS, HCUA in Washington, D.C., requesting PENHA be present at a HCUA hearing to be held at Atlanta, Ga., 7/29-31/58. PENHA (formerly [redacted]) will leave Boston by plane on 7/28/58, and will be at the Hotel Piedmont, Atlanta, during the hearing.

WILLIAMS previously told PENHA the HCUA, during the coming hearing, is primarily interested in tying in the National Textile Commission of the CP with the northern Communists.

PENHA, while a member of the National Textile Commission of the CP, visited leading CP members in North and South Carolina for a week in September, 1955, and will probably be called as a witness to relate this experience.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696) (ATTN: SECURITY INFORMANT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
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PENHA advised SA [redacted] on 8/22/58 that he had received a telephone call on 8/20/58 from GEORGE WILLIAMS, investigator for the HCUA, at which time WILLIAMS requested that PENHA go to Washington, D. C., on 8/26/58 to see him.

PENHA said that WILLIAMS did not say why he wanted PENHA to see him, however, PENHA stated that sometime ago, prior to PENHA's appearance as a witness for the HCUA at Atlanta, Georgia, on 7/28/58, WILLIAMS told him that the HCUA would hold a hearing at San Francisco during latter part of this year, and the HCUA might use PENHA as a witness at that hearing also.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)

DATE: 6-11-58

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-22169)

ATTENTION:
RECORDS SECTION

SUBJECT: HCUA

HCUA has released the results of their recent hearings in New England in a pamphlet entitled Investigation of Communist Activities in the New England Area - Part 1, Part 2, Part 3.

This publication contains the testimony of the following individuals as follows:

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Current Bureau instructions direct that the Washington Field Office obtain transcripts of the hearings, forward them to the office covering the locality of the hearings and advise the Bureau when this has been done.

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The office covering the locality of the hearings should thoroughly review these transcripts upon their receipt, advise the Bureau of the identities of all persons mentioned and advise of their subversive activity unless such information is currently in the Bureau's possession. Such data should be submitted under the captions of the various individuals identified. These memoranda must contain a statement as to whether or not the individual has been the subject of Bureau investigation and as to what action is being taken on any new information developed.

In those instances where an individual has been investigated by the Bureau and the new information obtained does not warrant additional investigation, you should again give consideration to requesting Bureau authority to interview the individual. Additionally, you should submit your recommendations regarding interview of any "friendly witnesses."

In those instances where a person testifies about an individual residing within another division, it is your responsibility to advise the appropriate office of the nature of the information and of the Bureau's instructions.

For your information and guidance, upon receipt of transcripts of testimony from the Washington Field Office, you are directed to advise the Bureau of the status of your review within one week's time. Thereafter, you will be requested to submit weekly letters advising of the status of your review until the project is completed and necessary action has been taken in accordance with Bureau instructions.

Your final letter advising of the completion of your review should contain a statement regarding number of witnesses testifying, the number of persons identified as communists, the fact that the Bureau has been advised under individual captions of the information furnished by "friendly witnesses" that recommendations have been forwarded to the Bureau regarding interviews with "friendly witnesses" and that recommendations have been forwarded to the Bureau under individual captions regarding additional investigation or the advisability of interviewing these individuals.

Copies of this publication are enclosed as follows:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

DATE: 9/11/58

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FROM : SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
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PENHA visited Washington, D. C. on August 26-27, 1958 at the request of GEORGE WILLIAMS, investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA). PENHA advised on August 29, 1958 the purpose of this visit was that WILLIAMS, on behalf of the HCUA, asked PENHA to prepare a report on the New England District Leadership of the Communist Party which would later be printed in booklet form. This report would contain the names of the New England District Leaders of the Communist Party and background data on each of these leaders. PENHA was told that the report should contain only such information to which he testified before the HCUA hearing at Boston in March 1958 plus any additional information he could obtain from the Massachusetts State Committee on Subversive Activity. WILLIAMS told PENHA if he obtained any information from the Massachusetts State Committee on Subversive Activity or any other established source to attribute the information to that source.

PENHA said in addition to reporting on the N. E. District Leadership, the report would also contain information concerning Communist Party Front Groups, Metals Commission of the Communist Party, Underground Activities and other phases of Communist Party activity concerning which he testified before the HCUA in Boston.

PNEHA stated he signed a contract with the HCUA on August 26, 1958 in which he has been retained as a consultant and whereby for preparing this report he is to receive \$500.00 from the HCUA plus his expenses. When the report is finished, if it is accepted for publication, he will receive another \$500.00. The report would then be published in booklet form by the HCUA and would be printed by the U. S. Government Printing Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)
 Attention : SECURITY INFORMANT SECTION

FROM : SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
 SOURCE OF INFORMATION

DATE: September 16, 1958

On September 4, 1958, ARMANDO PENHA advised SA [redacted] [redacted] that recently the State Department of the American Legion in Massachusetts, had appointed PENHA Chairman of the Un-American Committee in Massachusetts for the American Legion, and as such he is also Chairman of a radio program which will be broadcast over the Yankee Network, which is Radio Station WNAC in Boston.

PENHA stated that the American Legion plans a series of twenty-one fifteen minute radio programs to be held on Sunday evenings, which programs will begin this fall, the starting date not yet announced.

PENHA said that these programs will consist of a series of tape recordings from prominent persons, some of whom are as follows:

GEORGE MEANY
 President of CIO-AFL

General HARMON
 President of Norwich University

General WILLOUGHBY
 Former Military Aide to General MacARTHUR

RICHARD ARENS
 Staff Director of the HCUA-120

cc: 2-Bureau (100-372696) (RM) REC-4
 1-Boston [redacted]

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Congressman JENNER from Indiana

Judge ROBERT MORRIS

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PENHA stated that at the close of the series that he, as Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee for the American Legion in Massachusetts, will conduct a panel discussion with LEE PENNINGTON, who is the National Director of the Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion, and during this panel discussion JACK MALLOY, Director of Programs for WNAC, Boston, will act as moderator.

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TO : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

FROM : MR. T. F. MITCHELL

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
GOVERNMENT WITNESS

DATE: April 16, 1959

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Penha was scheduled to be a witness for the Government in the case involving the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA) before the Subversive Activities Control Board. The petition in this case was dismissed by the Government and Penha will not be used as a witness.

In connection with his possible testimony Boston forwarded to the Bureau documents wherein information from him was first reduced to writing. Boston letter 7-3-57 in the UERMWA case forwarded 128 documents. One Photostat each of those documents is attached and one Photostat each was sent to the Department by letter 7-31-57 in the UERMWA case. Boston letter 8-5-57 forwarded 36 additional documents containing information from Penha. One Photostat each of these 36 documents is attached and one Photostat each was sent to the Department by letter 8-16-57 in the UERMWA case. Boston airtel 3-13-59 in the UERMWA case identified for the Bureau 20 additional documents containing pertinent information from Penha. Two Photostats each of these 20 documents are attached. No copies of these documents have been sent to the Department.

ACTION:

It is recommended that the attached Photostats be filed with Penha's case file in the event he is used in the future as a witness by the Government.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-373001)

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SUBJECT: [redacted]REGISTERED MAIL~~CONFIDENTIAL~~CONF. INFT. Rebutlets, 6/11/56 and 9/6/56.
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[redacted] and [redacted] (former [redacted]) appear as follows in the following Security of Government Employees (SGE) and Loyalty of Government Employees (IGE) cases in the Boston Division:

[redacted] appears as T-9 in the report of SA [redacted]
Boston, 3/10/55, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Department of The Navy, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; SGE." (Bosfile 121-3285; Bufile 121-36838) ✓[redacted] also appears as T-9 in the report of SA JOSEPH O'KELLY MINTON, Boston, 5/10/52, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] Limited Appointee, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Department of The Navy, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; IGE."[redacted] appears as T-6 in the report of SA GEORGE W. FALLON, JR., Boston, 8/12/46, captioned [redacted], Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Department of The Navy, Washington, D. C., IGE." (Bosfile 121-810) 121-11229[redacted] appears as T-1 in the report of SA [redacted]
Boston, 5/1/51, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] Appointee, First Army Ordnance Maintenance Shop, Whitemore Maintenance Center, Department of The Army, Ayer, Massachusetts; IGE." (Bosfile 121-2487; Bufile 121-28345) ✓[redacted] appears as T-8 in the report of SA RALPH E. WILLIS, JR., Boston, 10/1/53, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] United States Civil Service Commission, Boston, Massachusetts; SGE." (Bosfile 121-3890; Bufile 121-43651) ✓RHB:MT
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[redacted] under symbol number of [redacted] appears in Boslet to the Bureau dated 10/20/51, in the case captioned [redacted] [redacted], Portsmouth Navy Yard, Department of Navy, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; IGE." (Bosfile 121-2954; Bufile 121-33477)

[redacted] appears as T-1 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston, 12/21/51, captioned "CHANGED: [redacted] aka. [redacted]

[redacted] (General) — Applicant, Corps of Engineers, Department of The Army, Boston, Massachusetts; IGE." (Bosfile 121-2976; Bufile 121-33871) → 121-33873

[redacted] and [redacted] appear as T-3 and T-4, respectively, in the report of SA JOHN F. TOOHEY, JR., Boston, 4/12/56, captioned [redacted] Department of The Navy, Washington, D. C.; SGE." (Bosfile 140-11481) (Bufile 140-11938)

[redacted] and [redacted] appear as T-3, T-13 and T-24, respectively, in the report of SA ROBERT E. ZINN, Boston, 4/20/55, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted] (Aviation) Department of The Navy, Quonset Point, Rhode Island; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1006; Bufile 140-7746)

Boslet to the Bureau dated 9/6/55, in the case captioned as above, sets forth a signed statement from [redacted]

[redacted] appears as T-3 in the report of SA ROBERT E. ZINN, Boston, 5/11/55, in the case also captioned as above.

[redacted] and [redacted] appear as T-8 and T-14, respectively, in the report of SA [redacted] Boston, 9/15/54, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted] (Airport), Civil Aeronautics Administration, Department of Commerce, New York, New York; SGE." (Bosfile 140-674; Bufile 140-5120)

[redacted] appears as T-1 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston, 7/26/56, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted] Applicant, Laborer, General Services Administration, New Bedford, Massachusetts; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1577) (Bufile 140-12977)

[redacted] appears as T-3 in the report of SA JOSEPH P. MC DONOUGH, Boston,
5/15/56, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]

[redacted] Veterans Administration Out-
patient Clinic, Veterans Administration; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1527)
(Bufile 140-12413)

[redacted] also appears as T-3 in Boslet to the Bureau dated 4/16/56, in
the case captioned as above.

[redacted] appears as T-2 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston,
5/9/55, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
"Cookie," Laborer, Otis Air Force Base, Department of The Air Force,
Falmouth, Massachusetts; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1059; Bufile 140-8333)

Information furnished by [redacted] also appears in Bosairtel to the Bureau
dated 3/30/55, in the case captioned as above.

[redacted] appears as T-1 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston,
1/18/56, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted] Commissioned
Officer, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and
Welfare, Washington, D. C.; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1397; Bufile 140-11226)

[redacted] appears as T-6 in the report of SA JAMES E. BRENNAN Boston,
10/26/55, captioned "CHANGED; [redacted] Student
Trainee (Electronics), Air Force, Cambridge Research Center, Department
of The Air Force, Bedford, Massachusetts; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1322)

[redacted] appears as T-2 in the report of SA JOSEPH P. MC DONOUGH, Boston,
10/14/55, captioned "NORMAN ELDON KUMIN, Applicant-Courier, Department
of State, Washington, D. C.; SGE." (Bosfile 140-1310; Bufile 140-10404)

[redacted] appears as T-4 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston,
1/27/55, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
(General), Otis Air Force
Base, Department of the Air Force, Falmouth, Massachusetts; SGE."
(Bosfile 140-954; Bufile 140-7154)

[redacted] appears as T-6 in the report of SA JOSEPH P. MC DONOUGH.
Boston, 1/21/55, captioned [redacted]
Post Office Department, New York, New York; SGE." (Bosfile 140-938;
Bufile 140-7176)

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[redacted] appears as T-13 in the report of SA WILLIAM J. PANTAJA, Boston,
10/7/54, captioned [redacted]
[redacted], United States Civil Service Commission, Boston, Massachusetts;
SGE." (Bosfile 140-700; Bufile 140-3369)

[redacted] appears as T-5 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston,
5/13/54, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C.; SGE."
(Bosfile 140-470; Bufile 140-3378)

[redacted] appears as T-1 in the report of SA DENNIS M. CONDON, Boston,
2/15/54, captioned [redacted]
Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee; SGE." (Bosfile 140-
311; Bufile 140-2380)

[redacted] appears as T-16 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston,
6/2/55, captioned [redacted] Veterans Administration
Hospital, Veterans Administration, Boston, Massachusetts; SGE."
(Bosfile 121-662; Bufile 121-9825)

[redacted] appears as T-7 in the report of SA JOSEPH P. MC DONOUGH, Boston,
9/22/53, captioned [redacted] nee [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department, Portsmouth, New Hampshire; SGE." (Bosfile 140-65;
Bufile 140-423)

[redacted] appears as T-8 in the report of SA [redacted] Boston,
12/11/52, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] Department of The Air Force, Cambridge, Massachusetts; LGE."
(Bosfile 121-3673; Bufile 121-41629)

[redacted] appears as T-1 in the report of SA JOSEPH P. MC DONOUGH, Boston,
1/17/55, captioned [redacted] aka. [redacted]
[redacted] Veterans Administration Hospital, Veterans
Administration, Brockton, Massachusetts; SGE." (Bosfile 121-1478;
Bufile 121-16620)

[redacted] appears as T-7 in the report of SA WILLIAM J. PANTAJA, Boston,
6/26/53, captioned [redacted] Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D. C.; LGE." (Bosfile 121-3944; Bufile 121-4426)

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Background Data Concerning [redacted]

[redacted] resides at [redacted]
[redacted], New Hampshire. Her telephone number is [redacted]

[redacted] was born on [redacted]
She was married to [redacted]

a [redacted] She is [redacted]

[redacted] came to the attention of the Boston Office during 1946, at which time she volunteered to furnish information regarding Communist activities in the State of New Hampshire.

From 1946 to 1954, [redacted] associated with leading members of the Communist Party in New Hampshire and was herself a member of the Communist Party. Her services were discontinued on May 16, 1956, as she was not re-registered by the Communist Party and was inactive. During the period she was in the Communist Party, she was [redacted] New Hampshire Communist Party Branch and was a member of the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire Communist Party.

[redacted] has no known criminal record. She is a high school graduate and has attended a business school.

[redacted] was described by a Special Assistant to the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, as being intelligent and cooperative. She has no known outstanding personal weaknesses.

Background Data Concerning [redacted]

[redacted] is a current, active paid Informant of the Boston Office. He is a white male, thirty-six years of age, and is unemployed. He is the father of four children. He has been an Informant of the Boston Office since 1950, and has been a member of the Communist Party since the Spring of 1950. He joined the Communist Party to furnish information to the Bureau. He served in the United States Army from 1942 until his honorable discharge in 1945.

There are no known factors affecting the credibility of this informant.

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Background Data Concerning [redacted]

[redacted] a current paid Informant of the Boston Office, is a white male,
[redacted] years of age. He is married, is the father of [redacted] and
lives with his family at [redacted] Rhode Island.

He is employed at [redacted]

He attended high school for [redacted] He joined the Communist
Party on February 18, 1953, for the purpose of furnishing information
to the F.B.I. This Informant does not have any known criminal record.
[redacted]

This Office is following the instructions contained in Section 107 N,
17, 18 and 19 of the Manual of Instructions.

Director, FBI

March 24, 1959

SAC, Boston (62-0)

AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE
New Bedford, Massachusetts
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following information is being submitted to the Bureau concerning the existence of a newly-created organization in New Bedford, Massachusetts called the American Heritage Committee.

The "New Bedford Standard Times," a daily newspaper published at New Bedford, Massachusetts, in its edition of February 25, 1959, carried an article stating that the American Heritage Committee had elected officers and that elected by the general committee, among others, was ARMANDO PENHA, former FBI undercover agent. In talking with PENHA on February 27, 1959, the latter advised SA [redacted] that the American Heritage Committee was a newly-created organization in New Bedford the purposes of which were dedicated to preserving and strengthening Americanism. PENHA stated that in order to awaken the citizens of New Bedford and surrounding areas to the dangers of Communism, it was he who conceived the idea of forming the American Heritage Committee at the close of 1958 and had contacted numerous prominent individuals, representing civic, labor, social and industrial life in the New Bedford area. As a result, the American Heritage Committee was formed.

The Chairman of the American Heritage Committee is [redacted]
[redacted] South Dartmouth, Massachusetts. He is [redacted]

Attorney [redacted] heads a bylaws subcommittee appointed by [redacted]. Members of the bylaws subcommittee include a [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] in New Bedford, is Secretary and [redacted] is Treasurer. Dr. JAMES R. HAYDEN, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, is also a member of the American Heritage Committee.

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The article which appeared in the "New Bedford Standard Times" on February 25, 1959, indicated that Dr. JAMES S. MANLEY, a prominent physician in New Bedford, was elected Vice-Chairman of the American Heritage Committee at a meeting of this organization in a New Bedford hotel on February 24, 1959. The article stated that Dr. MANLEY would also serve on the Executive Committee, and that he is Vice-President of the staff at Saint Luke's Hospital and was graduated from Boston College and Tufts Medical College. The Reverend EDWARD A. HAILES, Pastor, Union Baptist Church, New Bedford, was named Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee. Appointed to the Executive Committee by Chairman JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA at the February 24, 1959, meeting were Reverend EUGENE DINSMORE DOLOFT, D.D., Pastor, First Baptist Church; Attorney FOSTER R. HERMAN; HYMAN L. KOHEL, Vice-President of Aerovox Corporation, and LARRY G. NEWMAN, Assistant to the Editor of the "New Bedford Standard Times."

The article stated that elected by the general committee were ARMANDO PEMHA, former FBI undercover agent; JOHN VERTENTE, President of the Central Labor Union, and GEORGE J. ALEXANDER, Cornell-Dubilier Electrical Corporation. Mrs. ANN C. FITCH, Secretary, will also serve with the executive group.

The article stated that Chairman SILVEIRA named Mrs. ALLAN B. STIMSON, Mr. ALEXANDER and Mr. NEWMAN to the Youth and Educational Activities Committee with Mr. ALEXANDER as Chairman.

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DETECTIVE JG SCHAFFNER ADVISED THAT
MONDAY JULY 23, 1984, BOSTON, MASS.
WITNESS IDENTIFIED AS GENEVA GUY AS THE SUSPECT
WHO WAS SEEN OVERNIGHT DRIVING A CAR IN NO STATE OF
TITLE AND DRAWDOWN IN THE STATE.

Mitchell

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

March 13, 1959

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to a memorandum from the Internal Security Division of the Department dated March 10, 1959, which advised that Armando Penha may be the first Government witness when the hearing in this case resumes and which requested comments of this Bureau regarding objectionable material in documents previously furnished to the Department. These documents constitute the first recorded version of information furnished by Penha to the FBI pertinent to this case.

The Department's attention is called to memoranda of this Bureau dated July 11, 1957, and August 16, 1957, which furnished to the Department one Photostat each of 164 documents containing information from Penha. At that time the Department was furnished some general comments of the FBI concerning objectionable material in those documents.

The Penha documents have now been reviewed individually and it has been determined that the majority of them contain considerable administrative data which should be excised prior to their production. This administrative data consists of FBI file numbers; titles of other FBI cases; filing instructions and the names of FBI employees who were in contact with Penha. Much of the information in these documents pertains to individuals, organizations or events not related to this case. Many of them contain Penha's confidential informant symbol number and his code name, Robert Laverne. Some of them also contain opinions of FBI personnel as to the full identity of individuals mentioned by Penha in his reports by their first names only. Michael Russo, who is under indictment in Boston, Massachusetts, for a violation

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2-New York (100-13644) See note to New York page 4.

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of the Smith Act, is mentioned frequently in the documents and Penha in describing individuals in his reports frequently refers to them in racial terms. There is also considerable information set out regarding statements made to Penha by other communists relative to possible FBI surveillances.

The Department's attention is called to the following specific documents which contain information which should be deleted prior to their production:

Serial Number of Document or
Date of Informant Report

Comments

Report for period September 24-
29, 1951

Page 1, paragraph 2, reflects that a Lieutenant Hirst of the New Bedford, Massachusetts, Police Department advised his father, described in this report as a Communist Party member, to be cautious because new FBI Agents were in town.

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On page 5 the sentence beginning on line 6, which is in parentheses, would disclose an active informant of the FBI.

Page 5, paragraph one, reflects that Penha admitted that a reference by him in 1953 to one [redacted] as a possible N.Y.D. Agent was "loose" and "erroneous."

Page 7, paragraph one, refers to the inclusion of an individual on the Security Index.

On page 8, paragraph one, the last sentence is administrative in that it refers to a suggested interview of an individual who might be cooperative.

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On page 11, paragraph 2, the last sentence is also administrative in that it refers to a possible source for the development of additional informants.

On page 13, paragraph 4, the last sentence mentions the inclusion of certain information on an "SI" card. This is a reference to the Security Index.

On page 11, paragraph 8 is administrative in that it refers to the "Smith Act Album."

On page one, there is a handwritten marginal notation "Checked through SI. No change." This is a reference to the Security Index.

On page one, there is also a handwritten notation "Checked through SI."

Page one also has the handwritten notation "Checked through SI."

Page 1A sets out a long list of FBI file numbers concerning individuals mentioned in the document. This list includes two file numbers for [redacted]. These

[redacted] file numbers should be deleted since they might tend to disclose a source of information of the FBI.

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Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

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Page one has the handwritten notation "Checked through SI." On page 3, the first two sentences of paragraph one would identify an active FBI informant.

This document makes frequent reference to [redacted] and it would identify a source of information of the FBI.

This document also contains frequent reference to [redacted] and would identify him as a source of information.

Page one contains the notation "Checked through SI."

As the Department has been previously advised, the originals of these documents will be available in New York City for production during this hearing if necessary.

ATTENTION SAC, New York:

Two copies of this memorandum are being furnished to New York in the event it is necessary for New York to make available one copy for the information of Departmental attorneys who will be in New York handling this matter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Penha is a former confidential informant of the FBI. He has publicly testified before a Congressional Committee. This memorandum is being classified "~~Secret~~" because it contains references to the Security Index Program.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *airtel*

DATE: 3-6-59

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *AFB*SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED
ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS
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At 10:10 a.m., this date, [] of the Internal Security Division advised SA Thomas F. Mitchell that the hearing before the Subversive Activities Control Board in captioned case is tentatively scheduled for 3-17-59 in New York City. The main Government attorney will be [] of the Internal Security Division. Since [] is also slated to be in Miami on 3-17-59 to argue a motion in another case, the Government plans on requesting a delay in captioned case until at least 3-24-59.

When case resumes, the first Government witness will be Armando Penha, former confidential informant of Boston Office. The Department has been furnished Photostats of 164 documents containing information from Penha together with our general comments concerning objectionable material in the documents. [] indicated that all of those documents may be subject to production. We are reviewing them individually and will furnish the Department our specific comments concerning objectionable material in the documents prior to 3-17-59. [] stated that at this time he does not foresee any necessity to have any other documents containing information from this informant available.

[] also furnished a list of several individuals whom the Government plans on using as witnesses following Penha but whose order of appearance has not yet been determined. These individuals include [] and [].

[] is confirming the foregoing by memorandum. He indicated his memorandum would contain a request that the Department be furnished any information as to any instance where pertinent information from Penha was mechanically recorded. Boston is being requested by airtel to furnish the necessary information.

Enclosure
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1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Baumgardner
1-Mr. Mitchell

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND
MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

100-26912

ACTION:

Attached is airtel to New York and Boston advising of the resumption of the hearing in this case and that Penha is scheduled to be first Government witness. Boston is being instructed to advise Bureau if any information from Penha pertinent to instant case was mechanically recorded at time it was furnished.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-26912)

DATE: November 14, 1958

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-6716)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE UNITED
ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS
OF AMERICA

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OO: NEW YORK

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Boston dated November 5, 1958.

Submitted herewith as an enclosure is a letterhead memorandum pertaining to ARMANDO PENHA, as requested in referenced letter.

For the information of the Chicago and New York Offices, ARMANDO PENHA is a prospective witness in the case of the above-captioned organization which is presently before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

LEADSCHICAGO DIVISIONAT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will immediately verify that PENHA took a correspondence course from the Blackstone School.

Will immediately verify that PENHA was awarded a degree relative to this correspondence course, dated 1957.

Will immediately obtain all pertinent details including date of this course.

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BOSTON DIVISION

AT NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Will immediately obtain from ARMANDO PENHA all details relative to his education including the names of schools attended, dates of such attendance and degrees attained.

AT AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

Will immediately obtain at Massachusetts State University, the details pertaining to any courses taken by ARMANDO PENHA from the Extension Service of this university.

AT BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Will immediately obtain information pertaining to the six months salesmanship course taken by PENHA with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

NEW YORK DIVISION

(INFORMATION)

Two copies of this letter are being forwarded to the New York Division because they are office of origin in this matter.



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Boston, Massachusetts

BS 100-6716

November 14, 1958

ARMANDO PENHA

On February 28, 1950 ARMANDO PENHA, a former member of the Communist Party, advised SA WILLIAM H. CARPENTER that he had gone to Portugal with his parents in June 1932 and had returned to the United States in December 1940. While in Portugal, PENHA stated that he graduated from high school and also attended a business school for about a year and one half.

The Communist Party, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

PENHA also stated that he has taken courses through the Massachusetts State University Extension Service and also took a six month salesmanship course with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.

The records of the Demobilized Personnel Records Branch, Records Administration Center, Adjutant General, St. Louis, Missouri, reflect that the file of ARMANDO PENHA, Army Serial Number 31203953, indicated that his education was eight years of elementary school and four years of high school.

The New Bedford "Standard-Times", a New Bedford, Massachusetts, daily newspaper, issue of April 4, 1958, on page four, reported that MR. PENHA studied for a law degree by correspondence from the Blackstone School in Chicago, Illinois. According to this article, the framed degree, dated 1957, now hangs in the PENHA living room.

PENHA advised SA JOHN E. KEARY on November 14, 1958 that in July, 1957 he completed a three year correspondence course from the Blackstone School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, and was awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree.

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SAC, Boston

November 5, 1958

Director, FBI (100-26912)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND
MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

There is enclosed one copy of a memorandum from the Department which is self-explanatory. Furnish Bureau immediately in form suitable for dissemination to Department all information in your files regarding Penha's education. If any of this data has not been verified, set out appropriate leads to have it verified.
Buded 11-17-58.

Enclosure

① - 100-372696 (Penha)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Penha is a former confidential informant and a prospective witness in this case before the Subversive Activities Control Board. Department memorandum refers to testimony by Penha before the HCUA regarding his educational background with request that the Department be furnished facts corroborating or refuting his statement.

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SAC, Boston

November 4, 1958

Director, FBI (100-26912)

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June 30, 1959

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Nantucket Island, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated June 24, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated. It may interest you to know Armando Penha furnished information to the FBI on a confidential basis for several years and was compensated for his services. He was, however, never a Special Agent of this Bureau. This information should not be construed as a recommendation, clearance or non-clearance of Mr. Penha by the FBI.

During recent years, there have been many patriotic Americans who at great personal sacrifice and inconvenience have assisted the FBI in carrying out its vital duties of safeguarding the internal security of this country. We in the FBI are certainly among the first to recognize the extreme value of the contributions of such individuals. You may be assured that all possible assistance within the limitations of this Bureau's jurisdiction is and has been rendered to individuals who have been functioning on behalf of the FBI.

In this connection, when individuals are actively providing information to us, they are compensated wherever possible; however, there are many who will not accept compensation for their services since they consider it a patriotic duty to assist their Government. We have found that in connection with the question of special awards, it would be most difficult to equitably provide monetary awards for persons who have

NOTE: Armando Penha former [redacted] was a paid informant of our Boston Office from 1950-1957 and a member of the Communist Party. He testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Boston in 1958. (100-372696) No information identifiable with [redacted] was located in Bufiles.

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served as confidential informants of this Bureau without creating dissatisfaction among many valuable and essential informants who, because of their families, employment, social background and associates, would never permit their affiliation with subversive elements to become known and, therefore, would be unable to accept such awards.

Please accept my thanks for your kind comments concerning this Bureau and my book, "Masters of Deceit." Your remarks are most encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO: NYL 6-4-59. FOR THE FUTURE INFORMATION AND
REFERENCE OF YOUR AGENT, THIS CIRCUIT RULING IS
WHICH PERMITTED [REDACTED] TO REPORT TO CLAWB, IS
ACCORDING TO CURRENT INFORMATION WHICH IS PLACED IN
THE INDIVIDUAL AND ALSO IN THE FILES IN DRAFT FORM.
SUCH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT
SOONER THAN [REDACTED]

IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED TO COMMENCE THE TRANSMISSION
OF THE REQUESTED DATA CONCERNING CIRCUITS 6, 10, 15, 22
AND 24.

NOTE ON FILING:

The above was transmitted by New York Lot 6-4-59
(Serial 123) in captioned matter. Inasmuch as no petition
has been filed by the Department with the Subversive Activities
Control Board in instant matter, current active information
are described in the New York Memorandum as not available for
interview or testimony in accordance with past Bureau policy.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-412902) 6/4/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-118525)

SUBJECT: BRONX CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE,
aka., Bronx Civil Rights Committee,
Bronx Committee for the Freedom of
Political Prisoners, Bronx Civil Liberties
Community Group
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ReBulet 5/20/59, which enclosed a copy of a memorandum from Acting Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, dated 5/15/59, concerning captioned organization.

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The Bureau's attention is drawn to the chart contained in the attached letterhead memorandum which comprehensively correlates the informants utilized in the various reports in captioned matter on whom the Department has inquired.

For the information of the Bureau, the sources contained in the chart are identified as follows:

Source 1 is [redacted]

Source 2 is Former CSNY 426-S

Source 3 is [redacted]

Source 4 is Former [redacted]

Source 5 is [redacted]

Source 6 is Former [redacted]

Source 7 is [redacted]

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Source 22 is Former [redacted]

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Source 24 is NY 2179-S*

Source 25 is [redacted]

Source 26 is [redacted]

Source 27 is [redacted]

Source 28 is [redacted]

Source 29 is ARMANDO PENHA

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The attached letterhead memorandum contains the requested information from the Department concerning the availability of the above informants with the exception of the following sources with whom contact has not as yet been made:

Source 6

Source 16

Source 19

Source 22

Source 28

Immediately upon completion of contact with the above five sources, the information will be furnished to the Bureau in memorandum form suitable for dissemination to the Department.

In addition the attached letterhead memorandum reflects that the availability of Source 8 (Former [redacted] is being determined.

It is noted that at the time of preparation of the previous letterhead memorandum in captioned matter, the Bureau was requested to handle the Department's request concerning Former [redacted]. New York is not aware of the Bureau's reply to the Department concerning this informant and, therefore, the Bureau is again requested to advise the Department on this informant.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

New York, New York
June 4, 1959

Re: Bronx Civil Liberties Committee,
Also known as, Bronx Civil Rights
Committee, Bronx Committee for the
Freedom of Political Prisoners, Bronx
Civil Liberties Community Group
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Bureau file 100-412902

Reference is made to Departmental memorandum
dated May 15, 1959, to the Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation, captioned, "Bronx Civil Liberties
Committee."

Reference is also made to Departmental memorandum
dated January 30, 1957, to the Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation, captioned "Bronx Committee for the
Freedom of Political Prisoners" and Bureau reply thereto
dated March 19, 1957.

Set out below is a chart which correlates
the informants utilized in various reports in captioned
organization and on which the Department has made
inquiries:

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SA [REDACTED]
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SA [REDACTED]
10/22/56, AT NEW YORK

SA [REDACTED]
1/23/57, AT NEW YORK

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REPORT OF

SA J. GARTH GRAY
10/27/54, AT NEW YORK

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Set out below is the information requested by the Department concerning the availability of the various informants in the above chart:

Source 1 is a current active informant

Source 2 is a confidential investigative technique

Source 3 is a current active informant

Source 4 is a confidential investigative technique

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Source 20, information furnished by this informant can be made public only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to the New York State Department of Insurance, 176 Broadway, New York City.

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Source 26 is [redacted], whose background was previously furnished the Department by Bureau memorandum dated March 19, 1957, in captioned matter.

Source 27 is LOUIS F. BUDENZ, whose identity and background are well known to the Department.

Source 28, availability being determined

Source 29 is ARMANDO PENHA, whose identity and background are well known to the Department.

Your attention is directed to previous communications concerning this individual in the case entitled "Communist Infiltration of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America; Internal Security - C; Internal Security Act of 1950."

The Department will be advised separately concerning those sources whose availability is being determined.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and is a loan to your agency; it and/or its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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June 24, 1959.

Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr Hoover:

Last month we had Amando Pehnna, of whom you must know as an underground worker for the F. B. I. He did a fine job in lectures to the High School children, and to the adults in an evening talk under the auspices of the American Legion. We had invited Mrs. Pehnna and the next day, I found out from talking to her that they are in most straightened circumstances. The house they live in was lost due to little money while he was in the Party.

There are four children and the only sure income is the little \$60 monthly the City Of New Bedford pays him. He lectures for fifty dollars and expenses but as you know his subject is not popular enough (sad to say) to assure him of a great increase. A patriot friend of mine to whom I spoke about this coined a phrase that just suits the situation - "Millions for foreign aid but not one cent for loyalty".

When I think of the Foundations that are trying to wreck our country, the money we throw away on all kinds of do-gooder projects, I have to hold on to my temper when I think of a case like this one. The way they had to live with those rats, being subjected to their home being invaded at any time of night or day, etc etc. and then I think of Moscow art festivals, dancers in New City etc etc. No need to say this to you but it does give me a backing to gripe enough to ask if there is any place, any fund that could be tapped not alone for the Pehnnas but any that have done such a job for freedom.

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I have not wanted to write until I asked you first if it was the proper thing to do, senators or congressmen, or people with money. When the Pehnnas arrived home after the visit here, I sent them a small check for \$25 and the gratitude that came back made me ashamed. I spend about fifty a week and

have done so for years on sending conservative literature all over the country besides we take almost every conservative paper we know of like Dan Smoot, Human Events, National Review, American Opinion. I feel also, that people like the Pehnnas should not have to feel so personally grateful for so small a check. There is something that a Republic should do for them.



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We heard Pehnna talk the night he was released from underground and Mr Ahrens spoke also in Boston. From that day a year ago, we have kept at getting him here to this apathetic old town. We have retired professors, anti-anti communists and they interfere in our schools no end. It was a great boon to have Pehnna for these lectures.

We are fighting the best we can without great means and when some one comes along who can really help as he did we want to give him as much encouragement as possible. If you can guide me a bit or even tell me it is not best to do anything, I am willing to be guided. One has to be so careful not to do the wrong thing.

We own your book, "Masters of Deceit" and hope to get it and others into the High School. The trouble is to get teachers who are awake and who present the subject understandingly and with sympathy.

We are grateful to you for your splendid support of our way of life. We wish we could do more but since we are grass roots we must do what we can right here.

Sincerely yours,



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 18

FROM : SAC, Boston

ATTENTION: Crime Records DiSUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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The above individual is a former Security Informant and was contacted on June 8, 1959 on official matters, at which time he provided the following information.

The State Convention of the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, will be held June 25-27, 1959, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and PENHA advised that he plans to present two resolutions to the Convention: One resolution will request the State Convention to offer congratulations to the Director on his 35th anniversary as head of the FBI, and the second will provide for the inauguration of a "Man of the Year" award by the American Legion of Massachusetts. It was PENHA's thought that this award would be presented to the individual who had done outstanding work in fighting the communist threat. PENHA stated he had no idea as to what action would be taken with respect to either of the resolutions and felt, if the resolution on the award was adopted, it would be a period of time before the mechanics were set up. He felt the Director should be the first recipient.

PENHA further stated that he is associated with the American Heritage Committee of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Details concerning this organization were provided the Bureau by Boston letter of March 24, 1959, captioned "American Heritage Committee, New Bedford, Massachusetts, Information Concerning."

This group has established the Book of Freedom Award, and to date LOUIS BUDENZ, HERBERT PHILBRICK, EDWARD HUNTER, a writer, CAROL FOSTER, and PENHA received the awards. BUDENZ, PHILBRICK, and FOSTER are known to the Bureau with respect to their activities in Security Matters.

On June 5, 1959, the Freedom Book Awards were given to Dr. TINGFU F. TSIANG, National Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations, and to NORMAN KNIGHT, President of the Yankee

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Network, and JOHN J. MALLOY, Director of Programs for the Yankee Network.. The Yankee Network is a radio network operating in New England and handles CBS television through WNAC-TV at Boston.

PENHA stated that His Excellency, FULTON J. SHEEN, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, has agreed to accept a Freedom Book Award at a future date, and Mr. ROBERT CONSIDINE is also under consideration.

This preliminary data is presented inasmuch as PENHA stated he felt the Directors of the American Heritage Committee of New Bedford wanted to present a similar award to the Director and has delayed in doing so until such time as the Committee, in PENHA's words, "was able to prove itself a worthwhile organization."

PENHA further indicated that Attorney ROBERT B. DRESSER, Providence, Rhode Island, who reportedly handles legal work for the New Bedford Standard Times newspaper, stated he wanted to give the Committee \$10,000. as a donation for its work in fighting Communism when the organization becomes a tax-exempt group.

This information is provided the Bureau without delay, noting that additional inquiry is being made with respect to the background of persons associated with the American Heritage Committee, as referred to in Boston letter of March 24, 1959.

The Bureau will be advised of the results of this inquiry, which is being conducted on a discreet basis.

DIRECTOR, FBI

7/10/59

SAC, BOSTON (62-3830)

AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reb'slet to Director dated March 24, 1959,

By relet the Boston Office notified the Bureau of the creation of a new organization in New Bedford, Massachusetts known as the American Heritage Committee. In that letter was contained a statement that ARMANDO PENHA, former FBI informant, advised SA [redacted] on February 27, 1959 that it was he who conceived the idea of forming the American Heritage Committee and had contacted numerous prominent individuals representing civic, labor, social and industrial life in the New Bedford, Massachusetts area. Also included in that letter was a brief biographical sketch of the Chairman of the American Heritage Committee, JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr. of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Recently the Bureau was advised, based on information from PENHA, that the American Heritage Committee contemplates in the near future offering its Freedom Book Award to the Director and, therefore, it was believed that the Bureau might desire a biographical sketch of the other officers of the American Heritage Committee. Brief biographies of the other officers are set forth below.

On June 18, 1959 while SA [redacted] was discussing the American Heritage Committee with EVERETT S. ALLEN, Assistant Editor of the New Bedford Standard Times, the daily newspaper published in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Mr. ALLEN, who is an SAC contact, confidentially advised that the American Heritage Committee was formed in New Bedford

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as a front organization for the New Bedford Standard Times. Mr. ALLEN stated that it was felt by the Editors of the paper that there were a number of things which could be done by the American Heritage Committee which the paper felt should be done, and could be done better by a separate organization than if they were proposed by the newspaper. ALLEN pointed out that was one of the reasons why another Assistant Editor of the paper, LARRY G. NEWMAN, is one of the principal officers of the American Heritage Committee in that he is a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the Youth and Educational Activities Committee. (Note: On February 27, 1959 ARMANDO PENHA did not mention the newspaper at all when he advised of the formation of the American Heritage Committee but claimed full credit for having conceived the idea himself.)

The officers of the American Heritage Committee are as follows:

JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, JR. Chairman

Dr. JAMES S. MANLEY Vice Chairman

ANNE C. FITCH Secretary

Rev. EDWARD A. HATLES Treasurer

Rev. EUGENE D. DOLLOFF Executive Committee

FOSTER R. HERMAN "

HYMAN L. MOHIL "

LARRY G. NEWMAN "

JOHN VENTRONE, JR. "

GEORGE J. ALEXANDER "

ARMANDO PENHA

22 Dover St.
Fairhaven, Mass.

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Mrs. ALLAN B. STINSON

Executive Committee

GEORGE S. BARDSLEY

By-Law Committee

RUSSELL A. NEAGUS

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Also serving on the By-Law Committee with BARDSLEY and NEAGUS are Attorney FOSTER R. HERMAN, LARRY G. NEIMAN and Mrs. ALLAN B. STINSON.

The following biographical sketches were obtained from the files of the New Bedford Standard Times, the daily newspaper published in New Bedford, Massachusetts:

The background of the Chairman, JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr., was previously submitted.

Dr. JAMES S. MANLEY, Vice Chairman, is at present Vice President of the Staff at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Massachusetts. He has an office at 319A Union St., New Bedford and resides at 150 Page St., New Bedford. He graduated from Boston College in June 1931 and from Tufts Medical School and the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland. He was married in January 1943 to ROSE O'BRIEN of New Bedford, Massachusetts. He was formerly Chairman of the medical division of Civil Defense in 1950. Dr. MANLEY is a prominent obstetrician and gynecologist.

Mrs. ANNE C. FITCH, wife of ALLEN C. FITCH, is at present the Director of Civil Defense in New Bedford and has held this office since January 3, 1955 when she was appointed to succeed CHARLES S. KELLEY, Jr., who resigned. Mrs. FITCH is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. At the time of her marriage to ALLEN FITCH in 1937 the latter was an employee of the Home Owners Loan Corporation and was graduated from Boston University. At the time she was appointed Civil Defense Director she had been serving as Administrative Assistant to the former Civil Defense Director for one year. On May 31, 1959 the New Bedford Standard Times saluted Mrs. FITCH for her successful guidance of the Civil Defense and Auxiliary Police in New Bedford and for developing a volunteer force outstanding in its service to the community.

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Rev. EDWARD A. HAILES came from New Brunswick, New Jersey in October 1951 to New Bedford, Massachusetts when he was called to be Pastor of the Union Baptist Church in that city. Rev. HAILES, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of Virginia State College and Virginia Union University of Richmond. He also attended Rutgers University. He has served in New Brunswick, New Jersey where he was active in the Youth Movement in that community. He was installed as Pastor of the Union Baptist Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts on June 15, 1952. He is a former President of the NAACP in New Bedford. The Junior Chamber of Commerce in New Bedford presented Rev. HAILES with a Certificate of Honor for outstanding citizenship on April 16, 1957. At that time he was recognized for his work in the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford, the Kiwanis Club, the NAACP, the Red Cross and the New Bedford Ministers Association.

LAWRENCE G. (LARRY) NEWMAN, according to an article in the Standard Times dated September 25, 1958 joined the Staff of this paper as Assistant to the Editor on that date. He had previously been connected with the Hearst newspapers for fifteen years. For the last ten years he was Associate Editor of the American Weekly, Sunday Supplement published by Hearst. During World War II he was a war correspondent. He flew twenty-six missions in World War II and was awarded the Medal of Freedom presented by the late Gen. HENRY VANDENBERG, Chief of the U. S. Air Force. This was the highest award ever given to a civilian. Also, NEWMAN received the Purple Heart and Air Medal with two clusters.

Rev. EUGENE DINSMORE DOLLOFF received his education at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and received a degree of STD from Gordon College of Theology in 1921 and was a member of the faculty at Gordon College for three years. Before coming to New Bedford, Rev. DOLLOFF served at New Market, New Hampshire, Ashland, Massachusetts, Blamey Memorial Baptist Church, Dorchester and the West Medford Baptist Church where he served eighteen years prior to coming to New Bedford in 1949.

GEORGE J. ALEXANDER is presently Personnel Manager at the Cornell Dubilier Corp. a large electronic plant in New Bedford, Massachusetts. An article in the New Bedford Standard Times dated April 19, 1959 stated that GEORGE J. ALEXANDER, Chairman of the Youth and Education Committee of the American Heritage Committee, announced cash prizes to the student who submitted the winning essay on the subject "Brainwashing - The Danger - The remedy".

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EDWARD L. HORNEL is Assistant General Manager of the Amherst-Belchertown Corp. in New Bedford. An article in the Standard Times dated April 24, 1953 concerning the American Heritage Committee contained the signatures of three prominent citizens who were chosen to judge the contests in the American Heritage Committee Loyalty Day Essay Contest on "Maintaining - The Justice - The Remedy". The three persons chosen were the Rev. EDWARD DOLLOTT, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Bedford, Rev. JAMES R. HAYDEN, Associate Representative of New Bedford Seaboard and EDWARD HORNEL.

JOHN VITALE, Jr. is Chairman of the New Bedford Industrial Development Commission and is also head of the New Bedford Central Labor Union which includes 42 local organizations. He is also International Representative of the United Textile Workers, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Bedford Institute of Technology.

ROBERT S. MURKIN is a member of the Bar and has a law office at 5250 Pleasant St. in New Bedford. He was present at the Amherst-Belchertown Bay in April 1953. He attended the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and received from Boston University Law School, LL.B. in General Science in the Young American Industrial, Technical and Law Society, a division of the New Hampshire Republican Federation. He is a member of the American Legion and a member of the Union West Point Society. He is a Past Vice President of the Union City Junior Chamber of Commerce. He ran for the Union City Free Senatorial Commission for the 1952-53 Period but was defeated. On May 3, 1953 he was married to MARY ANN, daughter of MARY ANN AND ARTHUR COOPER CITY, New Jersey at New York.

JOHN ALEXANDER NEFFORD (Nefford), #3100 [REDACTED] in South Attleboro, Mass. is a former citizen of Belchertown and graduate of Belchertown High School. He served in the U.S. Naval Corps in the Second World War. He is at present a licensed physician and in New Bedford. An article in the Standard Times dated April 24, 1953 stated that Mr. NEFFORD was a candidate for Congress by the name to be given him in New Bedford, Mass. New Bedford, Massachusetts to Dr. STANLEY FETTERLY, First Class Ambassador to the United Nations. This information, according to the newspaper, was being leaked from New York City via the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

CHARLES S. HARDSEY is a [REDACTED] in New Bedford, Massachusetts and employee of Service Garage of the New Motors Inc., 107 Middle St., New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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RUSSELL A. NEAGUS, [redacted] New Bedford, Massachusetts is employed by the Merchants National Bank of New Bedford and is a veteran of World War II.

ARMANDO PENHA, 22 Dover St., Fairhaven, Massachusetts is former ES 612-S who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at a hearing held at Boston in March 1958. During 1959 PENHA was named Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee of the Massachusetts Department of the American Legion and as such was Chairman of a series of radio programs called "Dangers of Apathy" which were broadcast weekly over the Yankee Network News Service Station in Boston.

A check at the New Bedford Credit Bureau, Duff Building, Pleasant St., New Bedford, Massachusetts, indicated that all persons mentioned in this letter had satisfactory credit ratings.

A similar check at the New Bedford Police Department indicated that none of the persons mentioned in this letter had criminal records of any kind in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

The indices of the Boston Division have been examined with respect to the officers set forth previously with the following results:

Identical references of a non-derogatory nature were noted in connection with HYMAN L. MOHEN, Rev. EUGENE D. DOLLOFF, GEORGE J. ALEXANDER and ANNE C. FITCH.

No identical references were noted with respect to JOSEPH P. SILVEIRA, Jr., Dr. JAMES S. MANLEY, Rev. EDWARD A. HALLES, FOSTER R. NEWMAN, LARRY G. NEWMAN, JOHN VERTEILLE, Mrs. ALLAN B. STIMSON, GEORGE S. PAROSLEY or RUSSELL A. NEAGUS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

J
 ARMANDO PENHA
 Fairhaven, Mass.
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Re Albany letter, 7/24/59.

PENHA is former [redacted]. He voluntarily furnished information of a security nature which came to his attention concerning subversive activities to this Bureau from 1950 to 1958. During March, 1958 his identity was revealed when he testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Boston, Mass. He was subsequently a source of information but discontinued in this capacity in 1959.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

DATE: 7/24/59

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (62-0)

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SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA

FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
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On 7/20/59 an article appeared in the "Burlington Free Press," Burlington, Vermont, captioned "former FBI Agent to speak at Vermont Legion Convention." The article following reflected that the opening session of the Department of Vermont, the American Legion, will begin July 23 in White River Junction. On the following Friday a memorial service is to be conducted. Following the memorial service the assembly is to be addressed by ARMANDO PENHA, Fairhaven, Massachusetts who is characterized as a former undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The indices of the Albany Office contain no reference to ARMANDO PENHA.

The Bureau and Boston are requested to advise of any FBI connection on the part of PENHA.

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To Mr. Rose

SAC, Albany (62-0)

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ALEMANO PENKA
FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS
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FORMER BOSTON INFORMANT

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Reurlet 7-24-59.

For your information, Penka was utilized as an informant by the Boston Office from 1950 to 1955 and was compensated for his services. He was a member of the Communist Party and furnished valuable information regarding Party activity in the Boston area. Since his discontinuance as security informant, he has testified publicly at House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings and has received considerable front-page publicity.

To date there is no indication that Penka intends to capitalize on his former informant status and no control problems have been encountered in the Bureau's dealings with him.

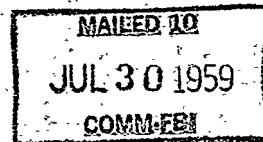
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Lowell, Massachusetts
Sept. 28, 1959.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Invaluable letter of information received from Armand Penha he informed me that his book "Soviet Streets In U.S.A." will be released next March or April.

Gratefully yours,

/s/ Bill Brown

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Director J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

In valuable
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FROM SAC BOSTON

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 ATTENTION CRIME RECORDS DIVISION. ARMANDO PENHA, FORMER [REDACTED] REBOSAIRTEL OCTOBER 12 LAST, CC NEW YORK, ADVISING PENHA HAD SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPT OF BOOK TO HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, NYC. PENHA TODAY ADVISED HE IS IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM WALTER I. BRADBURY, VICE PRESIDENT, HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 8 LAST. MANUSCRIPT WAS RETURNED BY COMPANY WITH STATEMENT THAT HIS BOOK NOT ACCEPTED BECAUSE OF QUESTIONABLE ECONOMIC VALUE. PENHA WILL ADVISE BOSTON DIVISION IN EVENT HE SUBMITS MANUSCRIPT TO ANY OTHER PUBLISHER.

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Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brown:

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Thank you very much for your letter of
September 28, 1959.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me,
and your interest in advising me of the forthcoming
publication of Mr. Penha's book is greatly appreciated.

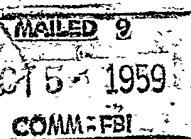
Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

B 1 - Boston - Enclosure

ATTENTION SAC: Bufiles fail to reflect any information concerning
the book mentioned. It is noted that Armando Penha was a paid security
informant of your office from 1950 until 1955. You should attempt to
confirm information reported by this correspondent and provide the
Bureau with appropriate data concerning this book no later than 10/12/59.
Your communication should be marked to the attention of the Crime
Records Division.

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(NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory data concerning correspondent. He has frequently written the Bureau since 1946 on the question of communism and from time to time we have forwarded him reprint material on this topic. Armando Penha was a member of the Communist Party and furnished valuable data regarding Party activities in the Boston area. He was discontinued as an informant in 1955 and since that time has testified publicly at HCUA hearings. No control problems have been encountered by the Bureau in our dealings with him.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696) ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIV.

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER [redacted]Reurlet dated 10/2/59 addressed to [redacted]
[redacted] Lowell, Mass.

ARMANDO PENHA, 131 North William St., Fairhaven, Mass., advised SA [redacted] on 10/7/59 that in early Sept., 1959, he submitted a partial manuscript of approximately 140 pages in rough draft form to Henry Holt & Co., New York City, publishers of "Masters of Deceit." Original contact with publisher was made through LAWRENCE NEWMAN, a newspaper writer for the New Bedford, Mass., Standard Times. Shortly after the manuscript's submission, according to PENHA, he received a letter of acknowledgment from the publishing house with the advice that they were submitting the manuscript to their review department for a decision on publication. PENHA stated he has received no further word to date from Henry Holt & Co. and he does not expect a decision on publication until late October. He expects that if the decision is favorable, the book, tentatively entitled "Soviet Streets in U.S.A.," will be approximately 250 pages in length and will be published in the spring of 1960.

PENHA advised that he had contacted no other publisher in this connection and did not contemplate doing so at least at this time.

PENHA described his manuscript as a semi-biographical novel of his experiences in the Communist movement written in broad and non-specific language. He volunteered that no actual names of individuals were used with the exception of quotes from FOSTER, LENIN, STALIN, MARX or other well-known Communist theoreticians.

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SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER BOSTON INFORMANT

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PENHA has advised that he plans to attend the National Convention of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) to be held at the Belmont-Plaza Hotel, NYC, 12/19-20/59. PENHA receives mail from the ACPFB and learned of the convention in this manner. PENHA said it was his own decision to attend the convention and he had discussed it with LAWRENCE NEWMAN, Assistant Editor of the "Standard Times", a daily New Bedford, Massachusetts newspaper, and with DAVID HALEY, Chairman of the American Heritage Committee in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

PENHA wants to attend the convention to give his story to the "Standard Times" and the "Union-Leader", a newspaper published in Manchester, New Hampshire, and the Yankee Network Radio Station in Boston. He plans to explain to the public that the ACPFB is still an active communist front, and explain the manner in which it operates.

PENHA also pointed out that it would be the first time to his knowledge that an exposed informant penetrated a convention of a Communist Party front. PENHA explained that he is not going to the convention on behalf of the American Heritage Committee. NEWMAN has told PENHA that the "Standard Times" could not officially pay his expenses but put him in touch with ROBERT DRESSER of Providence, R. I., attorney for the newspaper, who is going to furnish PENHA with expense money for the trip.

PENHA intends to register at a New York hotel and will use his own name to register at the convention. He will register late in order to avoid detection or recognition. He feels no one will

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He stated that wherever he referred to a specific individual in the Communist movement he has designated him "Comrade Ivan" or used some other equally fictitious Russian given name.

Similarly on the three or four occasions where he has referred to his contacts with Bureau Agents, he has designated them with the names of U. S. Presidents such as "Agent WASHINGTON" or "Agent LINCOLN." PENHA volunteered that the references to his contacts with Bureau personnel are written in very general language and, in his opinion, wholly complimentary to the Bureau.

PENHA volunteered that he has made one reference to Director HOOVER as being the number one target of the American Communist Party because of the Director's leadership of America's greatest and most efficient bulwark against subversion. In PENHA's opinion, his manuscript contains nothing which could be construed uncomplimentary to the Bureau, its work or its personnel.

At this time PENHA was again cautioned to be factual and truthful in all his statements and to avoid any embellishments or deviation from the truth. He was notified that the Bureau would not sponsor or endorse any book which he planned to write.

PENHA stated that he had received some assistance in his writing from MANUEL ALMADA, age 46, of 54 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, Mass., who is employed as advertising manager for C. F. Wing Co., Inc., a New Bedford department store. According to PENHA, ALMADA is a local Catholic playwright in New Bedford specializing in religious plays.

Boston indices contain no derogatory references to ALMADA.

Bureau will be advised of any further developments.

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recognize him because of the confusion that he expects will prevail.

PENHA is a former Bureau informant of the Boston Office and testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 3/58.

The American Heritage Committee was formed about 1/59 and is comprised of civic, business and church leaders who have combined to fight communism. The Bureau has been previously furnished with information concerning this committee.

PENHA was cautioned about becoming involved in any situation which might cause embarrassment to the Bureau.

The above is for the information of the Bureau and New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-26912)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-13644D)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, UERMWA
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DATE: 11/30/59

ReBulet to NY, 3/31/59; Boston letters to
Bureau, 7/3/57, 8/7/57; Boston airtel to
Bureau, 3/13/59.

In accordance with instructions in reBulet,
forwarded herewith to the Boston Office,

[] as enclosures to this letter, are

[] under separate cover, is one package, containing
184 items originally recording information furnished by
ARMANDO PENHA, former []

The above items have been maintained as exhibits
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BS letter, 8/7/57 - 36 documents
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The above mentioned 184 items include all documents
in the possession of the NYO, originally recording information
furnished by PENHA.

ReBulet, 3/31/59, also instructed that any photostats
of these documents, in the possession of the Boston
Office, should be retained, in the event this individual is
used as a witness in the future.

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[Redacted]
Chicago 33, Illinois

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

The FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency, and information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comment upon the contents of the news item to which you refer.

I am sure you will understand my position in this regard and the necessity for this policy and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files information concerning the matters discussed in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHICAGO

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Armando Penha was a paid security informant of the Boston Office from 1950 to 1955 furnishing valuable information concerning communist activities in the Boston area. Subsequent to his discontinuance he testified publicly at hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-372696)

The Manion Radio Forum is sponsored by Clarence E. Manion, former dean of the School of Law, Notre Dame University, who is now practicing law in South Bend, Indiana. We have had extensive but not always cordial relations with Manion. He has previously made the allegation that over 2,000 communists are employed in defense plants in this country; however, we have no information to substantiate this allegation. (67-87393)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent quotes a 2-29-60 news item from the "Hammond Times," Hammond, Indiana, indicating that Penha, speaking on the Manion Radio Forum, stated that communists could take over our nation tomorrow if they wanted to do so but are waiting until they are ready. He alleged communists could immobilize our missile launching pads and frustrate the United States completely in 24 hours. He also referred to a prior statement by Manion that there are 2,000 communists in defense plants in this country.

Correspondent requested the Bureau's clarification of this news item. He also requested the Bureau's permission to publicize "your rebuttal" to these "rantings and ravings."

Due to the controversial nature of the statements made and the fact the correspondent desires to publicize any rebuttal made by the Bureau, it is believed the above reply

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will best serve the Bureau's interests. Since we are not commenting on the accuracy of the news item and making no official "rebuttal," no comment is being made concerning correspondent's request for permission to "publicize your rebuttal."

First name of Penha is "Armando" rather than "Armand" as indicated by correspondent.

Chicago 33, Illinois

March 3, 1960

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

To say that I was stunned after reading the following news item in the Hammond (Ind.) Times, February 29, would be putting it mildly:

Armando Penha

"SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI) - Armand Penha, New Bedford, Mass., a former FBI undercover agent who was a Communist Party member for eight years, said Sunday night that Communists "could take over our nation tomorrow" if they wanted to do so.

"Penha said on the Manion radio forum that "this is a fact that is well known, though never publicized."

"Our government knows it," he said, "and our people do not. They can take over any institution, educational, defense plants, our missile plants, because they are all infiltrated by people who are under orders of the Kremlin."

"The Communists tomorrow could take this country if they wanted to!"

"But he said 'they are waiting until they are ready'."

"The Communist plan is not merely to take over the United States. Their plan is to take over the world and they are doing just that now."

"Certainly we have to wake up, and if we don't, if we should strike at them militarily, their saboteurs would immobilize our missile launching pads and frustrate the United States completely from the inside in 24 hours," he said.

"Penha reminded Manion that the former law school dean at the University of Notre Dame had said there are 2,000 Communists known to be working in U.S. defense plants."

"As a matter of fact," Penha said, "there are many more Communists than that in these plants and in our government, but we have no enforceable law to get them out."

"Penha said the Communist conspiracy today 'is far more serious a threat than has ever been recognized against our civilization.'

"There is absolutely nothing that the Communists will not do in order to reach their goal of world domination," he said"

I would greatly appreciate receiving a clarification from you on this news item.

My first impulse was to write Penha and tell him what I think of the totally unbelievable statements attributed to him in the news item. On second thought, I feel it would be advisable to clear this with you.

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I would also like your permission to publicize your rebuttal to these, in my opinion, rantings and ravings.

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Very sincerely yours,

Chicago 33, Illinois.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696) (RM)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

RE : ARMANDO PENHA, FORMER [redacted]

ENCLOSURE: Copy of interview dated 2/28/60 and
entitled, "MR. ARMAND PENHA, UNDERCOVER
F.B.I. AGENT - Eight Years in the
Communist Party."



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(For Release Midnight, Sunday, February 28th)

Weekly Broadcast No. 283

Mr. ARMAND PENHA

UNDERCOVER F.B.I. AGENT - EIGHT YEARS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

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February 28, 1960

F.B.I. UNDERCOVER AGENT SAYS REDS COULD TAKE U.S. OVER NOW!

DEAN MANION: You have just seen an effective demonstration of Communist conspiratorial strength in the popular uproar against the execution of convicted kidnapper Caryl Chessman. The Communists used the Chessman case to inflame anti-American sentiment here and all over the world.

Meanwhile, the Communist government of Hungary went right on hanging hundreds of boys and girls who were suspected of participating in the 1956 anti-Communist revolution. Needless to say, the Communists in this country staged no parades against this continuing Hungarian massacre.

How do the Reds stimulate these mass demonstrations against us right here in the U.S.A.? The secrecy of their diabolical operations is very deep indeed, but the F.B.I. does manage to penetrate it from time to time with its carefully selected undercover agents.

These daring, dedicated men and women deliberately work their way into the Communist Party apparatus and stay there, sometimes for many years while they make secret reports regularly to their F.B.I. contacts.

Very often, these patriots are discovered by the Communists and promptly liquidated by professional Communist killers. In war or peace there is no more dangerous, self-sacrificing and important service to this country than that rendered by these F.B.I. Communist counter spies.

With me at the microphone now I have a distinguished representative of this super-secret patriotic service corps, ex-F.B.I. Communist Counter Spy, Armand Penha, of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

After eight years of service in the Communist conspiracy under F.B.I. orders, Mr. Penha was "graduated", so to speak, when he was called before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee in 1958 for the purpose of publicly exposing Communist subversives with whom he had been associated in the Communist apparatus.

Since he left the Communist Party two years ago, Mr. Penha has been working continuously, traveling, lecturing, and organizing Americans to fight Communism. A few days ago he was given one of the top awards of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, for this patriotic activity. Mr. Penha, how long did it take you to worm your way into the Communist apparatus?

MR. PENHA: Actually, I spent six years in preparation to join the conspiracy. Subsequently, I was eight years an actual member.

DEAN MANION: Did the Reds put you in a position of leadership?

MR. PENHA: Ordinarily, one must spend ten years of apprenticeship before he gets leadership in the conspiracy. I made it in five years.

DEAN MANION: Tell us some of the positions that you held in the conspiracy.

MR. PENHA: I held various positions, including member of section committee of New Bedford, section organizer of New Bedford, chairman of Bristol County, member of the Massachusetts State Board, a member of the New England Metals Commission, the New England District Committee which controls all phases of activities throughout the entire New England area.

I was also on the national level in the National Trade Commission, national Textile Commission, and I also served on other levels, Freedom of Press conference and the like.

DEAN MANION: As I understand it, Mr. Penha, during the whole period of your membership in the Communist conspiracy you had to divorce yourself from your friends, your religion, and your past business associations. In other words, you had to live a complete lie, deceiving even your own children. How did you ever manage to put over a hoax like that?

MR. PENHA: It was not easy. This was one of the things that both my wife and I had to contend with and, certainly, we had to suffer. We had to divorce ourselves completely from our church, even prior to joining the Communist conspiracy and subsequently throughout the entire eight years.

Our friends, well here again we lost the major part of them, practically all of them. Our social standards were reduced down to such a level that I lost the good friends that I had.

DEAN MANION: Was it necessary for your wife also to become a Communist?

MR. PENHA: My wife never actually became a member of the Communist Party but she was in on the arrangements and had to carry out the masquerade about being active on Communist fronts.

DEAN MANION: Didn't the Communists get suspicious of you during all these years? What do they do to protect themselves from the kind of penetration that you accomplished?

RISK OF LIQUIDATION IS CONSTANT

MR. PENHA: I would like to bring out the matter of how the Communist conspirators act in regards to the matter of security. Here in America we don't understand what the Communists are and what they do. They are so different that every so often they will search our homes and look for the slightest evidence of defection from the party.

If they could find a Bible or any religious article, naturally that would mean that I would be through. The chances would be most likely liquidation.

In connection with this I had to argue with my children time and again and try to convince them that there was no God and, believe me, this was not easy. I am glad to say that my children resisted my arguments. This deception of our children to me was the most difficult of this assignment.

DEAN MANION: Mr. Penha, why does the F.B.I. ask a man to make a terrible sacrifice like this, even to lie to his own children? Do you think that the Communist threat is serious enough to justify such risks and sacrifices?

MR. PENHA: Frankly, I think so. The Communist conspiracy today is far more serious a threat than has ever been recognized against our civilization. There is absolutely nothing that the Communists will not do in order to reach their goal of world domination. They have no moral restraint, they are passionately dedicated to their goal; they are like missionaries in a diabolical cause.

DEAN MANION: But, we are constantly being told that there are only a few thousand Communists in the United States. Mr. Penha, how can this small number of people be such a menace to a big country like this?

MR. PENHA: The few thousand that you mention certainly could take over our Nation tomorrow. This is a fact that is well known, though never publicized.

Our Government knows it, and our people do not. They can take over any institution, educational, defense plants, our missile plants, because they are all infiltrated by people who are under orders of the Kremlin. The Communists tomorrow could take this country if they wanted to.

DEAN MANION: If that is so, Mr. Penha, what are the Communists waiting for?

MR. PENHA: They are waiting until they are ready. The Communist plan is not merely to take over the United States of America. Their plan is to take over the world and they are doing just that now.

They have all of the necessary patience and time and they are succeeding. Yet, we are led to believe, not only by Khrushchev but even in our own press, even by Americans, even by the do-it-yourself experts who have visited the Soviet Union, who may tomorrow become our next President, that the Communists are now striving for peace.

Marxist's Review is a basic rule book and policy guide for members of the Communist Party of America. I have on hand the No. 11, Volume 2. On page 69 it says:

"In Argentina, last year, secondary school pupils supported the big strike called by university students. Teen-agers erected barricades, clashed with police, caught the tear-gas bombs before they exploded and threw them back to the police.

"Some 400 youths and girls applied for Communist Youth Federation membership during the strike. We now have Communist Youth Organizations in most of the 32 colleges in Buenos Aires."

Now, this shows that certainly we have to wake up and, if we don't, if we should strike at them militarily, their saboteurs would immobilize our missile launching pads and frustrate the United States completely from the inside in twenty-four hours.

Our first job therefore is to root these Communists out of management, out of industry, out of our schools, yes, even out of our Government. Until we do that, all of our other efforts here and all over the world will be in vain.

DEAN MANION: Mr. Penha, you say that our main job is to root the Communist conspiracy out of this country. Is anybody doing that or at least trying to do it?

MR. PENHA: Yes, our Congressional Committees are trying to do it. Our Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, the House Un-American Activities Committees, are working on this job every day. J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. are working night and day to keep the Communists under surveillance.

Nevertheless, the chief obstacle to their success is the ignorance of the American people with reference to the dangerous extent of the Communist penetration of the United States. Our schools, our politicians, our egg-heads, all contribute to this ignorance by calling it "witch-hunting", and "McCarthyism".

The press, radio and T.V. must share the blame for this public ignorance. For instance, take the recent outburst of anti-Semitism throughout the world. These outbursts were headlined everywhere but practically nowhere did we see the story that these anti-Jewish demonstrations were deliberately inspired by the Communists to discredit the anti-Communist government of Germany primarily.

MORE THAN 2,000 COMMUNISTS IN PLANTS AND GOVERNMENT

It was well known to everyone who knew the first thing about Communist tactics, but the Communist origin of the anti-Jewish demonstrations was not publicized. We published exactly what the Communists wanted publicized.

You pointed out in one of your broadcasts, Dean Manion, that we know of 2,000 Communists working in our defense plants. As a matter of fact, there are many more Communists than that in these plants and in our Government, but we have no enforceable law to get them out.

The Supreme Court has held that we cannot fire a Communist out of the Government or out of a defense plant unless he is in a sensitive position. As a matter of fact, a Communist in any position is a menace to our safety. I worked in such assignments for years, and I know that every Communist is assigned to his task to advance the cause of the Communist revolution and the destruction of our American freedom.

As you said in your broadcast, "The conspiracy against the truth about Communism is what makes the Communist conspiracy possible."

DEAN MANION: Mr. Penha, what do you think is the basic mistake that most Americans make in their estimation of Communism?

MR. PENHA: We continue to fool ourselves by failing to make a proper distinction between the philosophy of Communism and the policy of the Soviet Union. The policy of Soviet Russia is only a tactic, a scheme, a strategy. When Soviet Russia's policy was favorable to the United States and to the Western Powers, many believed that Russia's Communism was good. When Soviet Russia's policies were unfavorable they believed Communism was bad.

If we judge Soviet Russia by its philosophy, Soviet policy would never deceive us. We would know that its philosophy is wicked and is bent on the subjugation of mankind to dictatorship.

DEAN MANION: Mr. Penha, how did you finally manage to get out of the Communist apparatus?

MR. PENHA: When it got to the point that my daughter started speaking about Socialism and accepting its ideals, then I had to make a decision. I then requested that I be released from my duties. Approximately, three months later the hearings in Boston took place which was the only way

that I could come out. To resign would have meant either blackmail for the rest of my life or liquidation. That was the reason why I did come out in the open on March 18, 1958.

DEAN MANION: How many Communists did you identify at that hearing?

MR. PENHA: I gave evidence to approximately 225 Communists out of a total of 482 that I gave in executive session.

DEAN MANION: You gave all these names under oath. Did any of these people ever accuse you of perjury, or sue you for having given false testimony about them?

MR. PENHA: No, they never did. A lot of people think that, because you are a Government witness, you have immunity. That is the furthest thing from the truth. I could be charged with perjury just like any other Communist. What I had to say was the truth.

DEAN MANION: What kind of people did you name as Communists?

MR. PENHA: They were students, educators, business and professional people, trade union officials, people in management and in other walks of life; in fact, just about as many as you can name.

DEAN MANION: You told me once that, as a Communist leader, you conducted Communist study clubs in various colleges of New England. How many clubs and how many colleges were involved?

MR. PENHA: At the time that I undertook the task to coordinate the current party line in the student cells, there were twenty in number in five colleges and universities throughout New England.

DEAN MANION: Were these highly rated institutions?

MR. PENHA: I would like to add, Dean, that not only were they highly rated in New England, two of the five were highly rated in the country as about the very best, if not the best.

DEAN MANION: Mr. Penha, many people believe that the Communist Party is just another political party. Can you tell us, therefore, if these Communist conspirators are required to take any kind of pledge or oath?

MR. PENHA: They certainly do, Dean Manion, and I think when you hear what type of a pledge a Communist has to take, the one I had to take, and that all Communists have to take when they join the Communist Party, I am sure you will not call it a political party. Here is the quote:

"I pledge myself to rally the masses to defend the Soviet Union, the head of victorious Socialism. I pledge myself to remain at all times a vigilant and firm defender of the Leninist line of the Party, - the only line that insures a triumphant Soviet power in the U.S."

That is the oath of allegiance that an American Soviet Communist takes in this country. And, in conclusion, I would like to say what you are doing for America in these short words: If we had a Dean Manion in every community of the United States, we certainly wouldn't have to struggle as hard to preserve the remnants of our basic freedoms that we have lost. Thank you very kindly.

DEAN MANION: Thank you, Armand Penha, for this revealing broadcast but most of all for your hazardous and heroic service to the cause of freedom. Certainly no one who heard you today can ever again be complacent about the deadly menace of Communism.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

DATE: 3/15/60

FROM : SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER [redacted]

PENHA on 3/7/60 furnished SA [redacted] with a copy of an interview of PENHA by Dean MANION which was broadcast over the Manion Forum, South Bend, Indiana, on 2/28/60. The copy of the interview is dated 2/28/60 and is captioned, "MR. ARMAND PENHA, Undercover F.B.I. Agent - Eight Years in the Communist Party."

A copy of the interview is attached for the Bureau's information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER BOSTON INFORMANT

Attached are articles dated 3/12/60 and 3/14/60 from the "Providence Evening Bulletin," Providence, Rhode Island, containing remarks allegedly made by ARMANDO PENHA concerning fair housing legislation currently pending in Rhode Island.

One JACK THOMPSON, "Providence Evening Bulletin," Providence, R.I., called this afternoon and referred to the comments of ARMANDO PENHA in the attached articles. THOMPSON asked whether PENHA had any official connection with the FBI and I told him he did not. He then asked if he had authority to speak as a representative of the FBI and I said he definitely did not. He inquired as to whether PENHA had served as an undercover Agent for the FBI during the period, 1950 to 1958. I told Mr. THOMPSON that PENHA never was an employee of the FBI although he voluntarily furnished to this Bureau information of a security nature which came to his attention concerning subversive activities during the period, 1950 to 1958.

PENHA being contacted to ascertain if he has any specific information concerning alleged Communist influence in connection with current legislation concerning fair housing in Rhode Island, as indicated in attached articles.

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Approved:

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The smear tactic is brutally invoked against the backers of fair housing

"The" sickening tactic of the smear was invoked brutally the other night in Pawtucket against fair housing legislation and its supporters in Rhode Island. A professional Red-baiter was imported from Washington via Fairhaven, his home town, to do as dirty a job on decent Americans as ever has been done in this state.

Armand Penha, billed as a former undercover agent for the FBI and presently a consultant of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, blandly informed the Pawtucket Rotary Club, in effect, that the thousands of Rhode Islanders who support fair housing legislation are blind followers of the Communist Party line.

"We have found in this country," said Mr. Penha, "a situation where truly dedicated Americans are aiding and abetting the Communist movement by fighting for fair housing legislation. These people are misguided and are lending their support unknowingly to a Communist cause."

If I had the ways and means to provide a cattle ship to send them to Russia for one year, they'd come.



Penha

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Editor: SEVELLON BROWN, III

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back fighting mad and do what they should have been doing all along for their country." The 1959 unsuccessful housing bill, he said, was Communist inspired, but he allowed that he wasn't familiar with the 1960 bill.

There would be a distinguished passenger list on the cattle boat Mr. Penha wishes he could hire. There would be religious leaders from all over the state, including the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence. There would be public figures, including former Governor Dennis J. Roberts.

That boat also would be bulging with thousands of ordinary, decent folk in this state who believe in fair housing legislation as an honest answer to a problem which shames this nation, and who need no instruction from the Communist Party to follow the dictates of their own consciences.

Mr. Penha, of course, is playing the old game of Red-baiting. If the Communists are in favor of air pollution control, the game holds, then anyone who likes fresh air is a Communist. If the Reds attack Trujillo, then anyone who also expresses dislike for the strutting dictator must be a Communist.

In the present instance, Mr. Penha assumes and expects his audience to assume that fair housing is of concern only to the Communists. He also assumes and expects his audience to assume that Americans generally are boobs, suckers for Red bait; unable to

think for themselves, babes in the political woods.

Within this framework, Mr. Penha and his ilk have a field day. Since the Communists belabor the fair housing issue for political profit among the nation's minorities, then it's obvious, according to his thinking and on his premises, that anyone who supports fair housing necessarily is following the Red line.

This is vicious nonsense. It is nonsense because it makes a mockery of logic and thought. It is based on profound contempt of the American people, no matter how it is dressed in pretty words about "truly dedicated Americans" being misled. It is intellectual fakery, the product of shallow thinking, an insult to the nation.

But this nonsense is vicious because it is the hit-and-run smear of fanaticism. It is blood-brother to the Ku Klux Klan, the descendant of Know-Nothingism. It dirties decent Americans because they hold sincerely to a belief which the Communists merely profess for political profit. It is ignorance rampant on a field of hate.

There is plenty of room in the fair housing issue for decent and honorable debate between decent and honorable men. There is no room in that debate, least of all here in Rhode Island, for the slanderous smear of Red dupe which Mr. Penha has splashed callously across prelates, political leaders and ordinary men and women.

Penha Urges Housing Bill Withdrawal

Armand Penha of Fairhaven, Mass., a former undercover agent for the FBI, said yesterday Governor Del Sesto should withdraw the fair housing bill he is sponsoring and name a representative committee to help him draw up a substitute measure.

Mr. Penha spoke at the annual Communion breakfast of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church at the Pawtucket Country Club.

He repeated the charge he made last week that the fair housing bill which died in committee a year ago was communist-inspired. The governor's bill is a watered-down version of last year's measure, he noted.

He criticized the Providence Journal-Bulletin for an editorial which appeared in last Saturday's Bulletin criticizing him for his talk last week.

In opening his remarks, Mr. Penha said he had just been informed that the Journal-Bulletin editorial had accused him of starting a smear.

He commented that when he was criticized by Communists it showed his work was having some effect. When the Journal-Bulletin criticized him, he went on, it was "knowingly or unknowingly" aiding the Communist conspiracy.

Mr. Penha said the Journal-Bulletin has given space to those in favor of the fair housing bill while its opponents have had to buy space to state their views.

"My work is done for God and country," he went on. "I ask the Providence Journal-Bulletin whether or not its editor or publisher has ever been the recipient of the top award of the Freedoms Foundation."

Mr. Penha was one of nine persons who received "special freedom leadership awards" from the Freedoms Foundation at its annual awards ceremony last month in Valley Forge, Pa. He said yesterday he was the first Roman Catholic to receive such an award.

Contending that if he wrote to the Journal-Bulletin, his letter would not be published, Mr. Penha said he wished he could obtain television time for a debate with the editor of the papers.

"I challenge the publisher or editor at any time to prove we are living in free America, that we have freedom of the press and that we are not losing our freedoms," he said.

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Reds Could Take U.S. Over Now

The stark and rigorous experience of an F.B.I. undercover agent, as a "member" of the American phalanx of the world-wide Communist conspiracy for eight years, was dramatically portrayed on the Manion Radio Forum of the Air earlier in the week.

But what was even more shocking was the testimony of F.B.I. Agent Armand Penha that, although the Communist conspiracy in this country comprises only a few thousand hard core members, they "certainly could take over our nation tomorrow." Penha declared that "our government knows it, and our people do not. They can take over any institution, educational, defense plants, or missile plants, because they are all infiltrated by people who are under orders of the Kremlin. The Communists tomorrow could take this country if they wanted to."

When Dr. Clarence Manion, Director of the Forum Network and former dean of the Law College of the University of Notre Dame, logically asked, "if that is so, Mr. Penha, what are the Communists waiting for?", he replied;

"They are waiting until they are ready. The Communist plan is not merely to take over the United States of America. Their plan is to take over the world, and they are doing just that now. They have all the necessary patience and time, and they are succeeding. Yet we are led to believe by Khrushchev, and even by some Americans, that the Communists are now striving for peace."

In answer to the natural question that if such details of the conspiracy are known to our government, why is summary action not immediately taken against these Communist conspirators? Agent Penha cited that, regrettably it is because we have no enforceable law to get them put out of their strategic spots in defense plants and elsewhere.

Agent Penha pointed out that;

"The Supreme Court has held that we cannot fire a Communist out of government or out of a defense plant unless he is in a 'sensitive position'. As a matter of fact a Communist in any position is a menace to our safety. I worked in those assignments for years and I know that every Communist is assigned to his task to advance the cause of the Communist revolution and the destruction of our American freedom."

Penha declared that in spite of these

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Armand Penha
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handicaps, an earnest effort is being made by a few dedicated Americans to accomplish our "first job to root these Communists out of industry, out of our schools, yes even out of our government", and that until we succeed in doing that, "all our other efforts here and throughout the world will be in vain."

He said that salutarily "our Congressional committees are trying to do this. Our Senate Internal Security Sub-committee, the House Un-American Activities Committee, are working on this job. J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. are working night and day to keep the Communists under surveillance." He added that regrettably;

"The chief obstacle to their success is the ignorance of the American people with reference to the dangerous extent of the Communist penetration of the United States. Our schools, our politicians, our egg-heads, all contribute to this ignorance by calling it 'witch hunting' and 'McCarthyism'."

After Agent Penha told of having, after emerging from under-cover, submitted evidence against some 225 Communists at hearings, Dr. Manion said; "you gave all these names under oath. —Did any of these people ever accuse you of perjury, or sue you for bringing false testimony about them?" "No, they never did", said Penha, adding that "a lot of people think because you are a government witness you have immunity. That is the furthest thing from the truth. I could be charged with perjury just like anybody else."

Penha's was indeed a graphic story—of what a man goes through in becoming an F.B.I. undercover agent and joining the Communist conspiracy—of how for eight years he had divorced himself from his friends, his religion and past associations—of how he had to live a complete lie in order to accomplish his exacting mission. Agent Penha indeed is to be commended for his heroic service to his country, not the least of which was in being obliged to join with thousands of conspirators in the revolting Communist oath of allegiance;

"I pledge myself to rally the masses to defend the Soviet Union, the head of victorious Socialism. I pledge myself to remain at all times a vigilant and firm defender of the Leninist line of the Party, the only line that assures a triumphant Soviet power in the United States."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 15, 1960

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
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An editorial appearing in the Indianapolis, Indiana, "News-Sentinel" under date of 3-5-60, captioned "Reds Could Take U.S. Over Now," quotes remarks made by "F.B.I. Agent Armand Penha" during the Manion Radio Forum of the Air to the effect communists have heavily infiltrated our defense and missile plants under orders of the Kremlin. Penha claimed our first job is to rid these communists from our schools, industry and Government. He added that our Congressional Committees are trying to do just that and that "J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. are working night and day to keep the Communists under surveillance." The Director noted: "Let me have a summary on Penha - H."

Armando Penha - Summary
Penna's Informant Activities for the Bureau Mass.

Armando (not Armand) Penha initially contacted our Boston Office 2-28-50 and offered his services. He was designated a symbolized informant 5-4-50 and, although he had no previous Communist Party (CP) association, he was successful in joining the Party for us. He subsequently became section organizer in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as well as a member of the district committee of the CP in New England. He served on the CP Executive Board and in 1955 made a trip throughout the South as a member of the CP National Textile Commission. The Party became suspicious of him, however, and he was expelled from the CP on 8-19-56. Although his CP activities diminished as a result, his services were still valuable to our Boston Office and he was continued as a source of information until publicly exposed as a Bureau informant during House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings at Boston, Massachusetts, 3-17-58. A total of \$18,100.47 was paid Penha for his services as an informant and source of information.

Penha as a Witness

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During 5-56 Penha testified as a prospective witness before the U.S. Grand Jury in connection with indictments of New England Smith Act subjects. However, indictments in that matter were subsequently dismissed before trial commenced. He was scheduled to be a Government witness in the case involving United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America before the Subversive Activities Control Board during 1959 until the petition in that case was dismissed by the Government. On 3-18-58 Penha appeared as a witness in HCUA hearings at Boston. He was called as the first witness in those hearings and testified regarding his knowledge of communist activities in the New England area.

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RE: ARMANDO PENHA

FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT

Penha's Activities since 3-58

During the last half of 1958 Penha contacted potential witnesses for HCUA as a "special consultant" for that Committee. On 4-1-58 Mayor Lawlor, New Bedford, Massachusetts, named Penha to the new position of investigator of medical aid costs in the Veterans Benefits Office, New Bedford, at a salary of \$65 weekly.

On 6-8-58 Penha was guest of honor at a testimonial dinner to show appreciation for his patriotic "counterspy" activities, sponsored by the city of New Bedford and neighboring towns. During 8-58 the State Department of the American Legion, Massachusetts, appointed Penha chairman of the Un-American Commission in Massachusetts for the American Legion, and as such he acted as chairman of a radio program sponsored by the American Legion over radio station WNAC in Boston. During 2-59 he was named a member of the executive committee of the American Heritage Committee of Greater New Bedford, a civic organization organized during 1-59 to fight communism.

In 9-59 Penha submitted a partial manuscript of approximately 140 pages to Henry Holt and Company, New York City, publishers of "Masters of Deceit." Penha selected the title "Soviet Streets in U.S.A." for his book which was described as a semibiographical novel of his experiences in the communist movement. The Bureau did not review this manuscript. On 10-8-59 the publisher returned Penha's manuscript with the statement that his book was not accepted because of questionable economy value.

During 11-59 Penha was nominated by the general chairman of the American Heritage Committee of Greater New Bedford to tell of "Know Your America Week" plans for the New Bedford area at the convention of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism held at Columbus, Ohio, on 11-14-59. Information in Bufiles indicates Penha has filled occasional engagements in various parts of the country speaking on his experiences in the CP and urging people to become more aware of the threat which communism possesses to the American way of life.

COMMENTS:

Penha's services as an informant were satisfactory. During this period (while receiving payments from the Bureau) he made application for and received unemployment benefits totaling \$763 from the Commonwealth

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RE: ARMANDO PENHA
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of Massachusetts. Inasmuch as he was being considered for use as a Government witness when this situation developed, the Department was contacted regarding the matter and by letter 11-15-56 recommended that Penha be advised he must make restitution of the \$763 as soon as practicable. Arrangements to this effect were immediately made. Following his appearance before the HCUA at Boston on 3-17-58, the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security advised Penha, by letter dated 3-27-58, that the entire amount he owed that agency was being cancelled in view of his HCUA testimony.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

John Belmont
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 17, 1960

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *B*

1-Mr. Parsons
 1-Mr. DeLoach
 1-Mr. Belmont
 1-Mr. Baumgardner
 1-Mr. McNerney
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SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA

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Senator John O. Pastore (Rhode Island) by letter dated 3-14-60 enclosed a letter dated 3-11-60 from [redacted] Pawtucket, Rhode Island, concerning Armand Tenha. The Senator advised that [redacted] is a leading industrialist in Rhode Island and he would appreciate any information we could furnish concerning Tenha which he could forward to [redacted]. [redacted] advised that Tenha had spoken to a Rotary Club claiming to be a former FBI undercover Agent presently employed by the United States Government and now lecturing on communism. He allegedly stated that a bill was being presented to the state legislature which was identical with one presented by a communist front organization in Colorado.

[redacted] asked the Senator if he knew anything about Tenha since "we" do not want the Rotary Club used by anyone sailing under false colors, and if Tenha knows what he is talking about and is an employee of the Government people in Rhode Island should be acquainted with the fact and "we will then know what course we should take."

Bufiles reveal extremely limited but cordial contacts with Senator Pastore and do not reveal any identifiable derogatory information concerning him. Our files contain no identifiable references to [redacted] (94-43098)

The reference to Armand Tenha undoubtedly refers to Armando Penha, security informant from 1950 to 1958. Detailed information concerning Penha was submitted in my memorandum to you dated 3-15-60 captioned as above. Penha was publicly disclosed as an informant in testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities in 1958. Our files indicate that as of April, 1958, he was employed as a consultant by the House Committee on Un-American Activities; however, they do not indicate whether he has any current affiliation with that or any other Congressional committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

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It is recommended that the receipt of Senator Pastore's letter be acknowledged and he be advised that Penha in the past furnished information to the FBI; that he has no current connection with the FBI, but the Senator may desire to make inquiry of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Attached is a suggested letter to the Senator.

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March 14, 1960

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PERSONAL

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose herewith for your attention a letter that I received from [redacted] of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, [redacted] of Rotary International.

I know you will realize the urgency of [redacted] request for information on Armand Tenha who spoke at last Thursday's meeting of the Rotary Club in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

[redacted] is an eminent citizen and great American and I am happy to call him a dear friend. Besides his interest in many civic activities, [redacted] is a leading industrialist in Rhode Island.

Your advice on this matter so that I may forward the information to [redacted] will be deeply appreciated.

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With kindest regards, I am

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Sincerely,

John O. Pastore
United States Senator

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Senator John O. Pastore
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear John:

A Mr. Armand Tenha spoke to the Rotary Club of Pawtucket yesterday noon. Putting it mildly, he caused quite a sensation. He claims he was a former undercover agent for the F.B.I. and at their request worked for years within the Communist Party. He states he presently is employed by the United States Government, and is going throughout the country lecturing on the evils of Communism and how it works in our own United States. The thing that caused the most interest was when he stated that the bill that was presented in our state legislation last year pertaining to "Fair Housing", was an exact copy of one that was presented by a Communist front in the State of Colorado.

Does your office know anything about this man? If you do I would be most happy to receive detailed information about him. I am sure you see the reasons are obvious. First of all, we certainly don't want the Rotary Club to be used as a platform by anyone that is sailing under false colors. Secondly, if this man does know what he is talking about, and if he is an employee of our government, the people he has spoken to here in Rhode Island should be acquainted with this fact and we will then know what course we should take.

I close as I started, his speech has caused a great many of us to do a lot of thinking and we are hopeful that you can give us some of the answers that we are seeking.

With kindest regards to you and the family in which [redacted] joins.

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Honorable John O. Pastore
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter dated March 14, 1960, enclosing a letter dated March 11, 1960, from [redacted] Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

The individual referred to by your constituent is undoubtedly Armando Penha who furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis from 1950 to 1958. He was not at any time a Special Agent of the FBI but he was compensated for his services. Penha does not have any connection with the FBI at this time. I am, therefore, not in a position to endorse him other than offering you the above information concerning his past assistance to this Bureau.

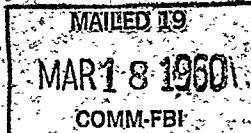
For your additional information, Mr. Penha was reportedly a consultant for the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, as of 1958. It is suggested, therefore, that you may desire to communicate with that Committee to determine if he is currently employed by the Committee on Un-American Activities.

I trust that the above information will be of assistance to you, and I am returning the enclosure submitted with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable John F. Pastore

ATTENTION: SAC, BOSTON

Enclosed is one Photostat each of the Senator's letter and its enclosure. Bufiles reveal that we have had extremely limited but cordial contacts with the Senator and we have no identifiable information concerning [redacted]

The reference to Armand Tenha undoubtedly refers to Armando Penha who is well known to your office.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont dated 3-17-60 captioned "Armando Penha, Former Boston Security Informant," RDS:pw.

The original letter from [redacted] to the Senator is being returned to the Senator and a Photostat has been made for retention in Bufiles.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *answ*FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *ppm*

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA

FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: March 23, 1960

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Congressman Olin E. Teague (Texas) furnished a newspaper clipping and requested the Bureau's comments concerning the article and an opinion of the man named therein. He advised the article has attracted considerable attention in his district and he has been asked questions concerning it. The article, from a Dallas newspaper, is datelined at South Bend, Indiana, and concerns a speech made by Armando Penha "former FBI undercover agent" in which he stated that the communists could take over our nation tomorrow if they wanted to do so.

Bufiles reveal extremely limited but cordial contacts with Congressman Teague and no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning him. (62-92100)

Armando Penha (not Armand) was a Bureau security informant from 1950 to 1958. Detailed information concerning Penha was submitted in my memorandum to you dated 3-15-60 captioned as above. Penha was publicly disclosed as an informant in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1958. In recent months, he has received considerable publicity concerning the above statement and others made during the course of his public appearances.

It is not believed we should make any direct comment concerning the accuracy of Penha's statement that communists could take over the country. Any such direct comment will, as indicated by the Congressman, be used by him and in view of the wide publicity Penha's statement has received could well involve the Bureau in an undesirable controversy.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the receipt of Congressman Teague's letter be acknowledged and he be advised of Penha's past assistance to the Bureau but that we have no control over his present activities. Attached is a suggested letter to Congressman Teague.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)

DATE: 3/28/60

FROM : SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER BOSTON INFORMANT

Re Boston airtel 3/15/60.

PENHA was contacted on 3/17/60 and he advised he did not have any specific information concerning alleged CP influence in current legislation concerning fair housing in Rhode Island.

PENHA was advised to be accurate in any future speeches he may give.

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② - Bureau (100-372696) (RM)
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[Redacted]
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 17, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and I am indeed grateful to you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in forwarding the newspaper clipping for my attention.

I want to thank you most cordially for your kind personal remarks and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Boston (Enclosure)

Note for SAC, Boston:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. The enclosure to his communication consists of a clipping from the March 16, 1960, issue of the "Providence Evening Bulletin," captioned "Who is Armand Penha?" which attacks Penha because of his alleged statement at the Pawtucket Rotary Club to the effect that Rhode Islanders who support fair-housing legislation are blind-followers of the Communist Party line.

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Note for SAC, Boston Continued:

Armando Penha is a former security informant of your office who was active during the period 1950 to 1958.

Bureau files reveal that one [redacted] of 200 Lexington Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, visited the Bureau on August 11, 1948, for the purpose of obtaining the Director's views on communism. On that occasion he stated he was connected with the public school system in Providence and had been doing some public speaking attacking communism. On August 13, 1956, [redacted] again visited the Bureau and requested pictures made at Bureau headquarters to show to the students in Providence. He was furnished several general activity pictures. (66-3020-1075)

In 1940 information was received from [redacted] the head of the Anti-Defamation League, Chicago, Illinois, to the effect that one [redacted] Edgewood, Rhode Island, was a vociferous supporter of General Franco during the Civil War in Spain; that he specialized in attending meetings of liberals and progressives for the purpose of heckling and that he frequently wrote letters to the press.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in furnishing clipping from the "Providence Evening Bulletin" concerning Penha, commented that the local newspaper seems to have a special hatred for any person who fights communism. Correspondent closed his letter stating he considered the Director to be one of the greatest men in the history of America.

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

MARCH 17, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought you might be interested
in reading this clipping.

Our local newspaper seems to have
a special hatred for any person who fights
the evil thing known as Communism.

I'd like you to know that I con-
sider you to be one of the greatest men in
the history of America. Long may you live!

1. Boston Herald
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WHO IS ARMAND PENHA?

In its lead editorial, last Saturday's Evening Bulletin said: "The sickening tactic of the smear was invoked brutally . . . against fair housing legislation and its supporters in Rhode Island. A professional Red-baiter was imported from Washington via Fairhaven, his home town, to do as dirty a job on decent Americans as ever has been done in this state.

"Armand Penha, billed as a former undercover agent for the FBI . . . blandly informed the Pawtucket Rotary Club . . . that . . . Rhode Islanders who support fair housing legislation are blind followers of the Communist Party line."

Who is Armand Penha?

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"For his unceasing work in bringing the principles of freedom to all who will give heed in these perilous times."

"For his clear comprehension of the deceit and fakery of the World Communist propaganda in this age of protracted conflict."

"For efforts beyond the call of patriotism to inform and enlighten the American people of the extent of the Communist conspiracy tentacles in the culture of the United States."

"For courage in the face of danger. A sentinel worthy of those who suffered at their posts at Valley Forge in 1777-1778."

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He has devoted the best years of his life to the cause of American freedom and to this end became active in the American Heritage Committee of New Bedford, supported by men and women in that community of every race, creed and color.

"Fair housing" legislation was not the subject of Mr. Penha's address nor the purpose of his visit to Pawtucket. His comments, quoted out of context, were in answer to a question from the audience after the address. He did say, however, as reported in the Journal's Blackstone Valley edition, that "fair housing" was a top subject on the agenda of the most recent Communist Party convention in this country.

Dr. Percy Hodgson

Martin L. Tarpy

Henry E. Crowe

Frank A. Martin, Jr.

Charles H. Lawton

Pawtucket, R. I.

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MAILED

Assistant Consultant
X Dangers of Apathy
Box 402
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of March 16, 1960, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me concerning the appearance of Mr. Penha on "This Is Your Life."

To take the action you suggest would be contrary to a policy I have followed over the years. I have always been reluctant to inject the FBI or myself into matters of this nature. I feel sure you can understand my position and why it is not possible for me to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Boston - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles reflect we have had cordial correspondence with [redacted] and in September, 1959, he was furnished a statement by the Director in place of a tape recording he had asked for. "Dangers of Apathy" is a television program, panel type, where discussions on the subject of communism are conducted. Armand Penha was a paid security informant of the Boston Office from 1950-55 and furnished valuable data regarding Communist Party activities in the Boston area. Since his discontinuance in 1955 he has testified publicly at HCUA hearings and we have encountered no control problems in our dealings with him. Recently he has been trying to sell a book to Henry Holt & Company. This, obviously, is a promotional scheme to enhance radio program, "Dangers of Apathy."

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DANGERS OF APATHY

Sponsored by
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ARMAND PENHA

March 16, 1960 *ans*

THE Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

MOST Dear Mr. Hoover:

AWARDED We of the radio program, "Dangers of Apathy",
wish to obtain your cooperation in a most unusual
project designed to compete with the propaganda
techniques of the left through mass communications.
AND We have adopted the proposal that our Chief Consultant,
ARMAND PENHA Armand Penha, the former undercover agent for the
F.B.I. and recent recipient of the Valley Forge
Freedom Award, appear on Ralph Edwards' TV program,
"This Is Your Life". How much this would mean to
all of us is clear when you consider that this
vigorous, dedicated anti-communist would be seen
and heard by over sixty million people.

RADIO Will you give this matter your immediate
attention in order that it will coincide with the
overall effort. Will you write now to Ralph Edwards
SERIES of "This Is Your Life", c/o N.B.C., Sunset and Vine,
Hollywood, California, suggesting the appearance of
Armand Penha on "This Is Your Life" in order that his
vital story may be heard. Also ask others to write.

TO I know you will appreciate the urgency of this
DATE project.

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Most Sincerely,

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Dangers of Apathy

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLIES TO: BOX 402, NEW BEDFORD c/o "DANGERS OF APATHY"
THE ONLY WEEKLY NETWORK RADIO PROGRAM DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO FIGHTING COMMUNISM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ANS*

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FBP*

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: March 30, 1960

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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By letter dated 3-17-60, Congressman Olin E. Teague (Texas) furnished a newspaper clipping concerning a speech by Penha in which Penha stated that communists could take over this country tomorrow if they wanted to do so. Teague requested Bureau's comments concerning the article and an opinion of Penha since he has received inquiries from his constituents. My memorandum to you dated 3-23-60 recommended that the Bureau make no direct comment concerning the accuracy of Penha's statement since any such statement would be used by Teague and possibly involve the Bureau in an undesirable controversy. Consequently, Bulet dated 3-23-60 to Teague advised him of Penha's past assistance to the Bureau as an informant from 1950 to 1958, that we have no control over his activities and statements and since Penha has reportedly been a consultant for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he might desire to contact that Committee for additional information concerning Penha.

Teague has now directed a letter to us dated 3-24-60 in which he states our letter is of no assistance in answering his constituents, that he was surprised to receive "such a pusillanimous answer" and that surely the Director of the FBI can give a reply whether there is any truth in Penha's statements. Teague stated he is not concerned about Penha but of the truth or untruth of his statements and will be disappointed in the Director if he cannot depend on the Director to make such comments. He requested return of the article previously submitted.

Bufiles reveal extremely limited but cordial contacts with Teague and no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning him. He has been in Congress since 1946.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the receipt of Congressman Teague's letter be acknowledged and he be advised that as a matter of policy, we have refrained from commenting on personal opinions of writers and speakers in the security field unless they make false statements concerning activities of the FBI, and that we enclose the Director's comments concerning the Communist Party 17th National Convention and the article, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" containing the Director's views on the threat of communism. Attached is a suggested letter to the Congressman.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: ARMANDO PENHA

It is also recommended that in view of Congressman Teague's unfriendly attitude as evidenced by his letter, that the Bureau's reply be personally delivered to the Congressman by Assistant Director DeLoach in order that attempts may be made to regain his friendship and support as well as to indicate to him the Bureau's sincere desire to be of whatever assistance we can in this and other matters.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: April 7, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT

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I talked with Congressman Olin "Tiger" Teague (D-Texas), Chairman of the House Veterans Committee at 10 AM this morning. I told him the Director had received his letter of March 24, 1960, acknowledging the Director's letter of March 23 "pusillanimous." The Congressman was advised that quite naturally the Director was very deeply surprised and somewhat hurt over such an abrupt answer from an individual he had considered a close supporter and friend.

Teague told me he had received considerable pressure from constituents in Texas where Armando Penha had recently made a talk and in a very dramatic pitch had declared "the communists could take over our Nation tomorrow if they wanted to do so." He stated he had to have some answer to give his constituents and quite naturally turned to the Director. I told Congressman Teague he should place himself in the Director's shoes, that if the Director issued a press release stating "the communists could not take over our Nation," the "do-gooders," "pinkos," soft-hearted liberals and fellow travellers would have a holiday in immediately declaring there had been no communist menace all along. I told him strictly in confidence that the Director would not in any sense of the word back up Penha's claim; however, on the other hand, the Director has indicated the seriousness of the situation, the fact that the Communist Party today is made up of the hard-core membership and the indisputable fact that for every communist member there are ten others who are not members but yet willing to do his work. I pointed out to the Congressman the weakness in academic circles, the mass communications media and the fact that the American public has become lethargic that communists are beginning to creep back into the movie industry in strength. I told him in confidence that we were well aware of the menace, were closely following it and wanted him to rest assured that the FBI would leave no stone unturned to fulfill its jurisdiction. I told him also in confidence that he should readily understand that the FBI cannot endorse or back up claims made by former security informants who turn professional in order to make money.

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Congressman Teague stated this put a new light on the subject. He indicated the highest respect for the Director and the FBI and stated he hoped I would extend his apologies to the Director for the tone of his letter dated March 24,

1 - Mr. Parsons 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
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Memo DeLoach to Mohr
Re: Armando Penha
Former Boston Security Informant

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I told him I would be glad to do this and that in the future in the event we could be of service, he should not hesitate to call on us at any time, that there was no need for him to write letters unless he so desired. He was told the Director would be happy to send me to his office at any time.

ACTION:

Congressman Teague and I have worked on numerous veteran matters together in the past. He is somewhat "hot tempered," however, can be handled without difficulty. It might be a good idea for us to consider the "personal touch" when difficult questions are received from Congress in the future. This is believed better than attempting to answer such questions in writing and might save us difficulty later on.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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March 31, 1960

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Honorable Olin E. Teague
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter dated March 24, 1960, and I am deeply concerned over your comments.

As a matter of policy, I have refrained from evaluating or commenting on the personal opinions of writers or speakers in the security field unless a statement is made which is patently false concerning the activities of this Bureau. You can appreciate that if I attempted to meet every request for evaluation of a statement made in the security field, this would impose an impossible burden, and I do not feel that I would be rendering a service to the American people.

My views on the subject of communism are well known. I have on many occasions called attention to the menace of communism and the necessity for the American people to be constantly on the alert to guard against the expansion of communist views and philosophy.

I am enclosing the clipping which you submitted with your earlier letter and which you requested be returned.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo Baumgardner to Belmont 3/30/60, captioned "Armando Penha, Former Boston Security Informant."

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ELIN E. LEAGUE
SIXTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
SUITE 101, HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.

COUNTIES:
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HOOD JOHNSON
LEON LIMESTONE
NAVARRO ROBERTSON
SOMERVILLE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 24, 1960

EJH
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received your letter of March 23, 1960, and your reply is of no assistance in answering inquiries from my constituents. I am very surprised to get such a pusillanimous answer. Surely you, as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, can give a reply as to whether or not there is any truth in the statements made by Mr. Penha.

I am not concerned about information concerning Mr. Penha. I am concerned about the truth or untruth of the statements which he has made and which appeared in newspapers, and his use of the fact that he was connected with the F. B. I. as a basis for his statements.

I would also appreciate your returning the copy of the newspaper article which I forwarded to you with my other letter.

I will be very disappointed if I can't depend on you to say there is some truth to the article or there is no truth to the article, one or the other.

Sincerely, EX-105

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Elton E. Teague 372696-149
Elton E. Teague
Congressman

23 APR 19 1960

Memo Baumgardner & Tolson
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March 23, 1960

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Honorable Olin E. Teague
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have received your letter dated March 17, 1960, enclosing a newspaper article from the "Dallas Times Herald," Dallas, Texas, dated February 29, 1960.

The individual referred to in the article is Armando Penha who furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis from 1950 to 1958. He was not at any time a Special Agent of the FBI but he was compensated for his services. Inasmuch as Penha has had no connection with the FBI since 1958, we have no control over his activities and statements. I am, therefore, not in a position to furnish any comments concerning him other than offering you the above information concerning his past assistance to this Bureau.

For your additional information, Penha has reportedly been a consultant for the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, and it is possible that Committee may have information concerning him.

I trust the above information will be of assistance to you in connection with the inquiries received from your constituents.

Sincerely yours,

E. Edgar Hoover

SEE MEMO BAUMGARDNER TO BELMONT 3-23-60, CAPTIONED
"ARMANDO PENHA, FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT," RDS:pw.

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OLIN E. TEAGUE
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WASHINGTON ADDRESS:
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Armando Penha

I am enclosing a newspaper article which was printed in the Dallas Times Herald of Dallas, Texas, on February 29, 1960.

I would appreciate your comments concerning this article, and an opinion concerning the man who made the statements.

This has attracted considerable attention in my District and I have been asked a lot of questions about it. I would appreciate your opinion.

Sincerely yours,

Olin E. Teague
Congressman

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'Reds Just Waiting,' Ex-G-Man Warns

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI)—Armand Penha, New Bedford, Mass., a former FBI undercover agent who was a Communist party member for eight years, said last night that Communists "could take over our nation tomorrow" if they wanted to do so.

Penha said on a radio forum that "this is a fact that is well known, though never publicized."

"Our government knows it," he said, "and our people do not. They can take over any institution, educational, defense plants, our missile plants, because they are all infiltrated by people who are under orders of the Kremlin."

"The Communists tomorrow could take this country if they wanted to."

Finance your new car with a Mercantile National Bank Loan —easy monthly payments. Fast service.

But he said "They are waiting until they are ready."

"The Communist plan is not merely to take over the United States. Their plan is to take over the world and they are doing just that now."

"Certainly we have to wake up, and if we don't, if we should strike at them militarily, their saboteurs would immobilize our missile launching pads and frustrate the United States completely from the inside in 24 hours," he said.

Penha said the Communist conspiracy today "is far more serious a threat than has ever been recognized against our civilization."

"There is absolutely nothing that the Communists will not do in order to reach their goal of world domination," he said.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER BOSTON SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: April 20, 1960

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
 1 - Mr. Simpson
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Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr dated April 18, 1960, captioned "Armando Penha, 'This Is Your Life,' Television Program," advising [redacted] of the "This Is Your Life" television program called from Los Angeles on April 14, 1960, advising her program plans to feature Penha within the next three weeks. In response to her inquiries she was advised the Director could not participate in the program. She desired to know if news articles she had regarding Penha were correct and she was advised it would be necessary for the Bureau to look at the articles in order to answer this question. It was explained to her the Bureau would look at the articles merely to protect the interest of the FBI and she should not under any circumstances assume that this was an endorsement of her program. The Bureau is in receipt of her letter containing three clippings from the New Bedford, Massachusetts, "Standard Times" dated March 18, 20, 23, 1958, highlighting Penha's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in Boston.

Penha initially contacted the Boston Office February 28, 1950, and served as a symbolized paid informant May 4, 1950, to August 19, 1956, when he was expelled from the Communist Party (CP) as he was suspected of being an FBI informant. He thereafter continued to serve as a source of information until publicly exposed as a Bureau informant during HCUA hearings in Boston during March, 1958. As an informant he achieved membership in and held executive positions in the CP. His services as an informant were satisfactory and since his discontinuance he has received considerable newspaper publicity and public awards in connection with his informant activity for the Bureau.

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It is noted copies of the three news articles submitted by [redacted] headlining and glamourizing Penha's activity as a Bureau informant are contained in Bufiles and have been reviewed. These articles are substantially correct and give a favorable account of Penha's informant activity. It is not deemed advisable, however, that [redacted] be so advised as to do so would in effect place the Bureau's stamp of approval on the entire newspaper article and phraseology contained therein which could be subject to varied interpretations.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

RE: ARMANDO PENHA

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Penha during recent months has continued to receive considerable newspaper publicity and has attempted to publish a book and has made controversial statements regarding the dangers and threats of communism such as, "The communists could take over our nation tomorrow if they wanted to do so." The Bureau has received several inquiries from Congressmen and other prominent citizens regarding recent statements made by Penha.

RECOMMENDATION:

That [redacted] be tactfully advised of the Bureau's position in this matter and that Penha's relationship with the Bureau be described as follows:

"Armando Penha was never a Special Agent of the FBI. He did, however, furnish information on a confidential basis from 1950 to March, 1958, and was compensated for his services. This information is not to be construed as a recommendation or endorsement of this Bureau regarding Armando Penha."

ACTION:

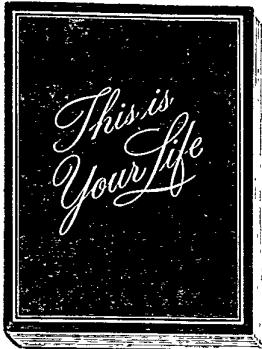
That this memorandum be forwarded to the Crime Records Division for further handling.

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ADDENDUM: (ECK:geg) 4-25-60

On 4-25-60, Kemper called [redacted] and advised her that Penha was never a Special Agent of the FBI and that we could not endorse the newspaper clippings in question. She was advised further as set forth above in connection with Penha's role as a confidential informant. She asked that the clippings be returned, and they have been sent to her.

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HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

April 13, 1960

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Attention: C.D. DeLoche

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Dear Mr. DeLoche:

The attached are the clippings I mentioned on the phone. I would appreciate any comments you can make - negative or positive - regarding some of the facts.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Most sincerely,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: April 18, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
 "THIS IS YOUR LIFE"
 TELEVISION PROGRAM

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[redacted] of the "This Is Your Life" TV program called from Los Angeles April 14, 1960. Her program plans to feature Armando Penha within the next three weeks. In a brief discussion with me regarding this matter, I told [redacted] that the Director could not participate in the program in an endorsement of Penha. On the occasion of her call April 14, she remarked the "Standard Times" of New Bedford, Massachusetts, had published a considerable number of articles regarding Penha's services as a confidential security informant working for the FBI. She desired to know if these articles were correct in fact or not. I told her we would have to look at the articles first in order to determine this answer. She then stated she would send the articles to us. I told her while we would look at the articles merely to protect the interest of the FBI, she should not under any circumstances assume that this was an endorsement of her program.

For background purposes, Armando Penha served as a confidential security informant of the Boston Division for a number of years. We made him available to the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) following his exposure as a witness in Federal court.

ACTION:

None until the newspaper clippings are received from [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Jones

The newspaper clippings (attached) have been received. It is believed Domestic Intelligence Division should review the material to determine whether factual statements are made so we may consider how to answer [redacted].

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 10, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA

FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT
"THIS IS YOUR LIFE" (TV)

Penha is a former confidential informant of the Bureau who after being exposed has gone on a very ambitious lecture tour and has exaggerated a great deal. [redacted] of the "This Is Your Life" program has been in contact with us in recent weeks because they were considering putting Penha on a "This Is Your Life" show. She sent us a number of newspaper clippings wherein Penha was telling of his exploits and asked us to confirm the material therein. We declined to do this and merely gave the dates of his service as an informant and the fact that he was compensated.

[redacted] called on May 9 and talked to Kemper. She said they decided not to use Penha, but they were getting a lot of mail from people such as [redacted] Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, urging them to put Penha on the program. She said they were checking with us because they were going to answer the letters and indicate that they would not put Penha on the program because the FBI would not "cooperate." She wondered if we had any objections to this. Kemper voiced a very strong objection and said that the decision not to use Penha rested with the program and not with the Bureau. She said they would use some other excuse and would not inject the Bureau into it.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Jones

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June 16, 1960

Mr. Armand Penha
Americanism Director
Public Affairs Department
Yankee Network Division
RKO Teleradio Pictures, Inc.
21 Brookline Avenue
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Penha:

Your letter of June 9, 1960, was received as Mr. Hoover was leaving the city, and he asked me to acknowledge it for him.

I wish to advise that due to the large number of similar requests he receives, Mr. Hoover has had to make it a practice to decline most of them because of existing official commitments, which cannot be postponed. I hope you understand the difficulties involved.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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- 1 - Boston - Enclosure
1 - M. A. Jones - Enclosure

NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memorandum, of same date, and captioned Mr. Armand Penha, Americanism Director, Public Affairs Department, Yankee Network Division, Request For Statement.

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YANKEE NETWORK DIVISION
RKO TELERADIO PICTURES, INC.

21 BROOKLINE AVENUE, BOSTON 15, MASSACHUSETTS - COMMONWEALTH 6-0800

June 9, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLeach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C.Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our president, Mr. Norman Knight, has been deeply concerned with the existing complacency and apathetic attitude of the average American. It was for this reason that Norman Knight instructed that our "Dangers of Apathy" series become a daily program on a permanent basis rather than a weekly one.

If we are to awaken America to the threat of the Communist subversive elements abroad and at home and their insidious methods in the application of peaceful co-existence, using such frightful tools as deception, duplicity, and deceit to further lull us into a false sense of security, we shall be in need of a positive approach to neutralize and eventually eliminate the Soviet conspiratorial threat against all free human beings.

On August 1, from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. throughout the Yankee Network, we shall commence a daily program entitled "Freedom Forever," which we hope will awaken New Englanders and encourage them to continue the "Spirit of 1776."

By accentuating the positive, we feel that we can truly project the highest, noblest type of revolution that ever existed in the history of mankind, namely the American Revolution. With this in mind, I would like to see this program, "Freedom Forever," commence with a short message from you, either on tape or in letter form, which would be read by our president, Norman Knight.

Thanking you for your tremendous efforts, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Augusta Peeler

Armand Penha 100-372
Americanism Director
Public Affairs Department

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 16, 1960

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: MR. ARMAND PENHA
 AMERICANISM DIRECTOR
 PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
 YANKEE NETWORK DIVISION
 REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

By letter dated June 9, 1960, captioned individual advised that on August 1, from 6:15 to 6:30 p. m., throughout the Yankee Network, a daily program entitled "Freedom Forever," will commence. The purpose is to awaken New Englanders and encourage them to continue the "Spirit of 1776." Penha requested a short statement, either on tape or in letter form, which would be used on the initial program and which would be read by the Network's President, Norman Knight.

As you are aware, the Bureau has been cooperating with Mr. Knight in connection with a series of television programs on the FBI, which will appear over station WNAC-TV, Boston, Massachusetts. In connection with this particular program, the Boston Office was advised by letter dated May 10, 1960, that the Director would prepare a statement for use in connection with this program series. On May 31, 1960, this statement was sent to the Boston Office with instructions that it be read on the first program on TV. Boston was also instructed to review scripts and films of each installment of the particular series in order that the Bureau's best interests were protected.

Penha was a paid security informant of the Boston Office from 1950-55 and furnished valuable data regarding Communist Party activities in the Boston area. Since his discontinuance in 1955, he has testified publicly at HCUA hearings. He had continued to serve as a source of information until these hearings publicly exposed him as a Bureau informant in March, 1958. His services as an informant were satisfactory. Since his discontinuance he has received considerable newspaper publicity and public awards in connection with his informant activity with the Bureau. He has gone on a very ambitious lecture tour and has exaggerated a great deal. This has led us into several potentially embarrassing situations with Congressman Olin E. Teague and the "This Is Your Life" TV program.

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While Penha is probably well aware of the statement we have furnished the Yankee Network in connection with the series on the FBI, it is not felt we should become involved with him because of his highly controversial activities and his pronounced proclivity to exploit the Bureau's name.

Enclosure *Rec'd 6/16/60*HHA:gct (2) *gct*

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the attached letter be forwarded to Armand Penha, refusing his request for a statement.

I Agree

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1 - Mr. Simpson

July 8, 1960

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Ponca City, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 1, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I can advise you, however, that Armando Penha testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, during hearings held by that Committee in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1958.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Oklahoma City (enclosure)
1 - Boston (enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SACs, ALBANY, OKLAHOMA CITY AND BOSTON

Enclosed for the Albany Office are two copies of correspondent's communication. The Oklahoma City and Boston Offices are being furnished one copy each of correspondent's letter. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent or the Institute of Soviet Studies, Middlebury, Vermont.

[Redacted] as [Redacted] filed application on November 12, 1959, for employment as a translator with the FBI. She indicated her maiden name was [Redacted] born in [Redacted] on [Redacted], and naturalized on [Redacted] in San Francisco, California. In 1959 she resided at [Redacted] Ponca City, Oklahoma. No investigation of her was conducted since she was not favorably recommended for employment. (67-569578)

Armando Penha was a security informant of the Boston Office from 1950 to 1956. He was publicly disclosed as a Bureau informant during his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in Boston in 1958. His services as an informant were satisfactory. During recent months he has received considerable publicity, has attempted to publish a book concerning his activities as an informant, and has made controversial statements indicating that the communists could take over this country "tomorrow if they wanted to do so." The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning recent statements made by Penha. (100-372696)

The enclosure to correspondent's letter was a clipping captioned "Poncan To Study Russian At Institute in Vermont" from an unidentified newspaper which indicated that [Redacted] leaves "this week" for Middlebury, Vermont, where she will spend the summer studying Russian in the Institute of Soviet Studies. The article indicated that the Institute is held in conjunction with the Middlebury Russian School of Middlebury College and was established in 1958 with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation. The article indicates that only Russian will be spoken which makes it appear to be the natural language in the "congenial, friendly Russian atmosphere which exists there." The instructors in the Institute are allegedly natives of Russia.

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NOTE TO SACs, CONTINUED

Since Bufiles contain no information concerning the Institute of Soviet Studies, the Albany Office is instructed to check its files and, if necessary, conduct very limited and discreet inquiries to determine the nature of this Institute. These inquiries are to be conducted in such a manner that the Institute will not become aware of the Bureau inquiries being made. The results of your inquiries concerning this matter should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent furnished the clipping and stated that [redacted] mentioned therein is a most disagreeable, dominating and dictatorial individual. She inquires why are such institutes allowed in this country. She also refers to Armando Penha who has made some startling statements about communist activities in America and inquires why he has not been called to testify by Congress. She refers again to [redacted] and inquires if [redacted] is a communist and is at the above Institute for further instructions in a communist cell. She ends her letter with the inquiry whether the Bureau is able to "get money and men to do the things you know should be done to stop communism in America."

Due to the nature of some of the questions raised by her such as why the Institute is allowed to operate in America and whether the Bureau is able to get sufficient money and men, it is not believed that the Bureau should make any attempt to comment upon these inquiries. It is further believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

Ponca City Okla
July 1 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr Hoover,

I cut the enclosed from our local paper. [redacted] is a resident of Ponca City, Okla. It was my unpleasant task to help her in a shop recently where I am ask to assist at times. I found her most disagreeable, dominating, dictatorial. Just this to give you a little of her personality & ego.

My question is, why are such Institutes allowed in America? We could not go to Russia and set up such an Institute. We who think at all know they are not studying the Russian language only. What are the other subjects taught. I am a true American who will stand up and be counted. Time is running out. I wish something or someone would do something about all this.

On the Manion Forum February 28 1960 a Mr Armand Penha appeared with Mr Manion. He told some startling things about communist activities in America, why hasn't Congress called him to testify? We who think are much concerned as to what is happening in our own front yards.

Back to [redacted] Is she a communist and is at the "Institute of Soviet Studies" for further instructions in a communist cell that she may carry on here? I read I listen I try to evaluate what I read and what I hear. I am much concerned.

Are you able to get money and men to do the things you know should be done to stop communism in America?

Yours truly

/s/ [redacted]

Ponca City Okla.

TRUE COPY

Tonca City Okla
July 1 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Are you able to get money and men to
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stop Communism in America?

Yours truly



Donna Letty Okla.

Poncan To Study Russian At Institute in Vermont

Mrs. Nathan Lee leaves this week for Middlebury, Vt., where she will spend the summer studying Russian in the Institute of Soviet Studies.

The institute, held in conjunction with the Middlebury Russian School of Middlebury College, was established in 1958 with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation.

All courses offered are on the graduate level and the sole medium of communication both inside and outside the classroom during the entire session is Russian.

At the opening of the institute, Mrs. Lee will be required to pledge to speak only Russian even when off the campus. Experience at the institute has revealed that observance of this rule makes it appear as the only language natural in the congenial, friendly Russian atmosphere which exists there.

Each of the instructors in the Institute of Soviet Studies is a native

of Russia. Students will have association with them not only in the classroom, but also at the dining tables, in songs and games, on hikes, picnics and all other institute activities.

The primary objective of the institute is to give the specialist in the fields of economics, foreign policy, government and the sciences, near native fluency in Russian and competence in the technical terminology of his field, not only for reading and research but also for personal contacts with Russians.

Mrs. Lee learned Russian as a girl growing up in Bialystok, Poland, which is near the Russian border. Mrs. Lee and Nathan Lee were married there in the summer of 1939, but she was not able to accompany her husband to the United States.

Before arrangements could be completed for Mrs. Lee's entry into this country, Germany invaded Poland. Then Russia invaded Poland and Mrs. Lee lived for nearly two years under Russian occupation, during which time she was forced to speak Russian.

Finally, by flying from Bialystok to Moscow, and traveling by trans-Siberian railway 10,000 miles across Siberia to Vladivostok, Russia; and then by Japanese boat to Japan, she was able to get passage on an American boat to San Francisco. Mrs. Lee was highly educated before coming to this country and spoke not only Polish and Russian, but also French, English and German. She was to leave by chartered plane for Fairlee

with white accessories and the corsage from her wedding bouquet.

The bride is a graduate of Brainerd High School and attended Northern Oklahoma Junior College two years. She is employed by the Southwest Grease and Oil Company at Wichita.

Mr. Schodde was graduated from West High School in Wichita and also is employed by Southwest Grease and Oil Company.

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1 - Mr. Farrow

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July 25, 1960

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100-372696-153

Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Indiana
310 North Illinois Street
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated July 15, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization.

In an effort to be of assistance to you, however, I can advise that Armando Penha furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis from 1950 to 1958. He was not at any time a Special Agent of the FBI and he was compensated for his services. Penha does not have any connection with the FBI at this time. I am, therefore, unable to comment upon the statements to which you refer.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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1 - Indianapolis (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE TO INDIANAPOLIS. CONTINUED

Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet published by the Manion Forum Network dated February 28, 1960. The Manion Radio Forum is sponsored by Clarence E. Manion, former Dean of the School of Law, Notre Dame University, who is now practicing law in South Bend, Indiana. We have had extensive but not always cordial relations with Manion. (67-87393)

The statement made by Armando Penha in the pamphlet enclosed by the correspondent and to which he refers states in effect that the communists could take over our country tomorrow.

Armando Penha was a paid security informant of the Boston Office. He furnished information on a confidential basis from 1950 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. Subsequent to his discontinuance, he testified publicly at hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-372696)

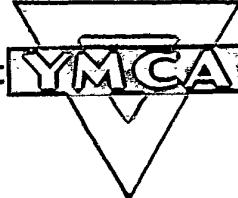
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet which revealed that Armando Penha had made the statement that the communists could take over this country tomorrow if they so desired. Correspondent requests information which will indicate to him the portion of Mr. Penha's statement which can be considered fact and that which is Mr. Penha's opinion.

Correspondent has requested that the Bureau evaluate statements made by Mr. Penha concerning the Communist Party in the United States, and it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIANA



310 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis 4, Indiana
Telephone MElrose 6-5431

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July 15, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I have been subjected to some material published by the Manion Forum of South Bend, Indiana

One of the recent reports I got concerned a weekly broadcast at which time a Mr. Armand Penha was interviewed. It is enclosed.

I would appreciate one of your staff to indicate to me how much of this information which Mr. Penha provides can be considered fact, and how much is Mr. Penha's opinion, particularly those statements which I have underlined in red.

Thank you for your information in this matter.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, ALBANY (100-18272)

INSTITUTE OF SOVIET STUDIES,
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT
INFORMATION CONCERNING ARMANDO PENHA

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ReBulet dated 7/8/60 to [redacted]
[redacted] Oklahoma.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a pamphlet captioned "Middlebury College Institute of Soviet Studies, Summer, 1960." This pamphlet was prepared in conjunction with the Middlebury Russian School, Middlebury, Vermont.

This pamphlet reflects that the Institute of Soviet Studies was established in 1958 as a unit of the Russian Summer School of Middlebury College with the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation, and its continuance was made possible by subsequent grants.

The pamphlet sets forth the following aims of the Institute:

- 1) To make the specialist feel at home in an environment where everyday Russian is required, and thus prepare him for travel or residence in the U.S.S.R. or for cultural exchanges.
- 2) To supplement training in subject matter acquired elsewhere in English with training in Russian.
- 3) To train students for government assignments, diplomatic, scientific and other careers in Russian, thus reducing or eliminating the training period on the job.

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- 4) To provide the specialist, through the rich offerings of the Institute and the Russian School, with an opportunity to increase his knowledge of Russia's humanistic culture, and thus better prepare him to represent us abroad.
- 5) To provide greater insight into the nature of the Soviet Union and its foreign and domestic policies.

This pamphlet also sets forth background information on the staff of the Institute.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

FROM : R. J. Gallagher *RJG*

SUBJECT: ARMAND PENHA
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: October 3, 1960

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The "Catholic Standard," 9/30/60, contained an article concerning a teen workshop and council sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Council of Youth Clubs, to be held Sunday, October 2, 1960.

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One of the features was to be a talk on communism by [redacted] whose [redacted] was "an underground agent for the FBI." The article stated [redacted] will tell what it is like to live in a family ostensibly communist.

This [redacted] of Armand Penha, a former security confidential informant of the Boston Office when I was Resident Agent at Providence, Rhode Island, in the early 1950's. I contacted Penha on numerous occasions concerning communist activities in the area and recall that he did have a daughter who would be around 16 or 17. Penha is no longer a Bureau informant. During the past few years he has appeared as a witness before several committees and has had articles published in the papers around the New Bedford area.

[redacted] did not appear in person at the workshop. A tape recording of her story was broadcast to those attending this workshop.

RECOMMENDATION

That this memorandum be routed to the Domestic Intelligence Division for its information.

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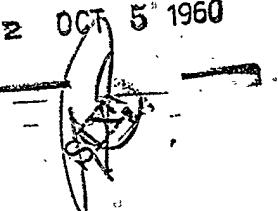
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~~CATHOLIC FREEDOM FOUNDATION~~
P. O. Box 3188, Grand Central Station
New York 17, N.Y.

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An organization to sound the alarm to the deadliness of the internal communist conspiracy and to promote a crusade of prayer, penance, reparation, and patriotic, anti-subversive action for national preservation.

N.Y. *N.Y.* *N.Y.*
~~Bishop Blaise S. Kurz, Frederick E. Stafford, James W. Crockett,~~
~~Spiritual Director Secretary Executive Director~~

A R M A N D P E N H A - Undercover Agent for the FBI, 1950-1958
rallies to the banner of the Catholic Freedom Foundation! It is
with great pleasure that we quote below his letter of October 27:

'Dear Mr. Crockett:

[see note--JWC]
Your reproduction of, "It Can Happen Here!" is simply an outstanding piece of material that should merit the support of all-freedom loving people throughout our great Republic, notwithstanding the Catholic people, who have been the greatest opponents of atheistic communism.

Sometime ago you wrote to me regarding the formation of your organization. I must confess that I was somewhat curious at the time as to the outcome of your aims and goals. To that end, I feel and know now that you have proven it to be a sound and objective type.

Being inundated with requests to join groups, movements, and the like, I was watching developments by you before giving any expression either pro or con. I am sure you realize the need of being cautious!

Father Leopold Braun, a very good friend of mine, gave me an excellent report prior to his departure to Europe, of your organization. As one Catholic to another, may I congratulate you and offer you my services.

I shall include you and the Catholic freedom Foundation in my prayers and I do know that Our Lady of Fatima will be instrumental in making every success possible.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,
Armand Penha *EX-12*
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Note: Mr. Penha refers here to poster of a group of kneeling persons (a priest and nun among them) being executed by a Russian soldier-- poster captioned "It Can Happen Here!" We are presently seeking funds with which to mass-produce this poster. Any contribution, however little, will be much appreciated--JWC

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November 13, 1960

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Weymouth, Mass

I have written to you before in behalf of our radio program on Communism and Americanism broadcast, until recently over the Yankee Network under the name, DANGERS OF APATHY. I have also written to you in behalf of one formerly in your service, Armand Penha. Your response and encouragement was most helpful. This time I am writing to you in behalf of myself and my family.

Since I am unable to send this letter with its enclosures directly to you you will receive it by way of my wife. You will note from the enclosures that I have been sent to prison for 2 months as a result of accusations brought against me by a [redacted] an employee of the Internal Revenue Dept. Included is my account of what took place.

Under ordinary circumstances my account would be hard to believe. However, these are not ordinary times and I have not been living an ordinary life. In the past eight years, even though we now have eight children, my wife and I have given much time and effort in answer to your call and the call of others to do something about Communism. We have been involved in a number of activities against Communism and for our country, much of it, positive. We have always kept ourselves free from the extremes of those who use the fight against Communism to promote their pet peeves. Along with the fight against Communism we have been carrying on a running battle against Socialism. Since Socialism has become so completely immeshed in our way of life it is extremely difficult to oppose without sometimes bringing yourself into conflict with the government. However, we have done our best to fight it in a peaceful lawful manner in keeping with our rights and responsibilities and we believe we have been successful in this respect. In the past two years, however, because Armand Penha asked for our help, advice, and contacts we had confined ourselves almost exclusively to supporting him in his super human efforts to combat Communism. This relationship continued until last spring. At this time the Social Security people, through the Internal Revenue Dept., started to put pressure upon us (I assume you are familiar with the association between compulsory government, Social Security, Socialism, and even Communism). Not wishing to involve Armand Penha in this situation I broke off all formal contact with him. Since then I have tried to confine myself exclusively to my responsibilities. Our oldest is only 11 and our finances are at rock bottom.

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It was under these circumstances that [redacted] entered
the scene and completely upset the applecart. The future of all of us, myself, my wife, and my [redacted] is now in peril. We are presently receiving considerable help from relatives, friends, and neighbors, but this cannot continue indefinitely. However, with a criminal record what are the prospects of supporting them

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myself when I get out? I had been attending evening college in an effort to get a degree in the field of teaching American history and government. I was nearly half way through and on the Dean's list when this misfortune caught up with us. Now there is little chance of my completing my education or doing any teaching.

As you can see from the enclosed account of what happened [redacted] went to most unusual extremes to collect money for my old age which would ~~not~~ result in leaving a family of eight children, penniless. Why? Why did he risk his life in such a determined attempt to ruin me? Even the false, considerably watered down version of his part in this affair that he told in court leaves much to be desired as an explanation. It is my conviction that every move Mr. Rogovin made was deliberate and designed for one purpose, to involve me in an act that would destroy me. He didn't succeed in this but since the court has gone along with his story he has accomplished the same end. Why did he do this? What is behind [redacted] to push him to such self-sacrificing deeds?

I do not wish to seek revenge on [redacted]. I only want the truth from him and the truth about him. Neither am I asking you to involve your department in this case publicly. I am only asking you as one loyal to the cause of our country and loyal to those honestly fighting for its ideals to look into this man and this case. I am asking you, if it is possible, to help us extract ourselves from this trap so my family may return to a normal life, a productive life, a peaceful life, all so necessary at this stage for our many children if they are to grow up to be useful citizens. As you must know what goes on in a jail, even the best, does not help matters.

Other happenings that bear looking into are: Why was I brought before a judge who, under Roosevelt, was one of the principal architects of the Social Security law and its defense? Why were so many offers made to go easy on me if ----? Why was my lawyer apparently intimidated? Why did he have such a defeatist attitude? Why did the judge rush us along in court not giving us time to properly and completely answer all charges. and especially to counteract the dramatized emotional appeal made by [redacted] lawyer which painted a completely false picture for the jurors. If proper records of the trial and the steps leading up to it were kept they should be revealing. Also the questions put to me at the sentencing. The nature of the questions made it impossible for me to give the right answers which lost for me a suspended sentence. The probation department had sent in an excellent report as my record and reputation is outstanding.

Of course, it all comes down to being my word against [redacted] as there were no witnesses, no proof. However, if there is any way I can establish the truth of my account such as by taking a lie detector test I would be glad to do so. We have been threatened in the past by hate groups, crackpots, or presumably Communists for which we have evidence.

If there is some way you could let us know whether or not you could be of help we would be deeply grateful.

Most Sincerely Yours,

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O'Connell Begins Term in Cape Jail

BOSTON, Nov. 12 — Philip E. O'Connell of Weymouth, proprietor of the Lobster Shack, Middleboro, was taken to Barnstable House of Correction yesterday by U. S. Deputy Marshals John Chmielinsk and John McGillivray to serve a two-month sentence. The defendant had been committed to jail by Judge Charles E. Wyzanski Jr. in Federal Court for slashing Revenue Agent Edward Rogovin with a machete in the Lobster Shack last September.

Arabs Note Anniversary

AMMAN, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 12 (P)—Saudi Arabia celebrated today the seventh anniversary of King Saud's accession to the throne.

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[redacted] an employee of the Internal Revenue Dept. was transferred to the Brockton, Massachusetts, office of this department, August 25, 1960. He was given my file. On September 22 he arrived at my place of business in Middleboro, Massachusetts. He walked in and announced that he was from the Internal Revenue Dept. I asked him what I could do for him. He replied that he was there to arrange for payment of my Social Security Taxes.

I told him I didn't believe in compulsory insurance, I had no money as I had eight children to support, and that I didn't wish to discuss the matter. I was too busy trying to make a living.

He then asked me why I didn't believe in Social Security. He told me it was the law, it was voted in by a majority of the people, it was cheap, it would take care of my children if something happened to me (in the meantime he had sat down in a chair at my desk and started writing in his folder).

I replied to his claims, saying that compulsory Social Security Insurance was a violation of the supreme law, the Constitution, and a violation of inalienable human rights ("which no power on earth can take away"). It was not voted in by a majority of the people but was a fraud on the people forced through Congress by pressure groups. I told him that it was actually expensive (If you count the costs of operating the Social Security program which the people also have to pay for through regular taxes plus other related costs). I also told him, in effect, that from my impression of the bureaucrats that I had come in contact with (having in mind the eight years of harassment that I had taken from them over my old age since Social Security was imposed on the self-employed) they were totally unfit to take care of my children or my old age. To me the too young or the too old, except in special cases, are a family responsibility not the state's and not a political football or a vote-getting mechanism. Of course, they already knew my feelings in the matter. I had told them in I don't know how many different ways.

[redacted] still sat there writing in his folder. I now asked him in a normal voice to leave as I was busy (I was preparing for the afternoon business). With that he jumped out of his chair and, to my amazement, he challenged me in a loud voice to throw him out. He crouched down with his hands held up as if to spring upon me. I told him I didn't wish to throw him out. I just wanted him to leave. He again repeated "throw me out! Go ahead and try to throw me out! I am creating a disturbance. Try it and see what will happen to you! You will find out just who has a right to be here!" With a sweep of his hand he shouted, "We can take all of this away from you!" Thereupon, I ordered him to leave. He repeated his threats and challenges. What could I do? I told him, all right, I would throw him out. I went into the next room and came out with a machete that we used for cutting brush. (for a more detailed report on why the machete, consult the attached paper on "Reasonable or Unreasonable" force). I held up the machete for him to see and asked him if he would now leave. He was again seated in the chair. He didn't move. He didn't say

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a word. Once more I ordered him to leave. He moved his hand towards his side and started to reach in his pocket. I had to assume for a gun. I struck him on the arm with the flat of the blade to discourage him. He then stood up. I ordered him to leave. He backed towards the door a few feet and still without saying a word, stood there. I forced him on and he backed out the door and stood outside. I waved him on towards his car giving him a slap on the side with the flat of the blade when necessary. His car was parked in the driveway but instead of going towards the car he backed up towards a wood pile, stopping every few feet. He circled the wood pile. He looked around and picked up two heavy wood slabs big enough to break my skull. I immediately struck at them with the flat of the machete blade forcing him to drop them. Now I backed him up towards his car. When he reached his car, instead of going around to the driver's side to get in he stopped again. He held up his arm, smiling in satisfaction, and announced, pointing to a small tear in his coat sleeve, "We've got you now, [redacted] You are all through! We'll put you out of business for good!" I answered that I didn't care. If I couldn't live as a free man I didn't wish to live at all!

I moved him around his car. Again, instead of getting in his car, he moved out towards the street. He moved out into the small amount of traffic going by forcing the cars to go around him. I didn't follow him. Apparently he hoped he might get me to strike him off the premises. However, my purpose was to remove him from the premises before anything serious happened, not to strike him. I ordered him to return and drive his car away. He said he would do this if I would return to the building. This I did and he went to his car and drove away towards Middleboro.

This account is a true account and every statement in it is as accurate as I am capable of making it.



Did I use reasonable or unreasonable force in ejecting a trespasser from my premises? The trespasser, a [redacted] an employee of the Internal Revenue Dept., had challenged me to try to throw him off my premises. He was creating a disturbance. It was obvious he was going to resist any attempt I made to force him off my property. He was crouched with his hands up in a threatening manner as if ready to spring upon me. He kept insisting that I try to throw him off. He implied that I had no right to my property, that the government could take it away any time. He challenged me to try to throw him off and prove who had a right to be there.

Finally, since he insisted on it, since he was threatening me with physical harm and was threatening to take away my property, I took action. I might have called the police. However, I had no phone. There was no phone within reach. We are located in the country. I was all alone. It was a quiet time of day. There was little chance of any customers coming in. It was of paramount importance that I think of some way of getting him to leave without endangering my own person. I had the responsibility of eight small children. I could not take any chances!

I am a man of peace. I have never attacked anybody or struck anybody except in defense and I had not had to do this since I was a boy. [redacted] appeared to be in good physical condition. As previous testimony established he was about 15 pounds heavier than I was - He had the unlimited power and resources of the Federal government behind him. - Being a (claimed) officer of the law it was to be expected that he was trained in physical combat possibly an expert in such arts as jujutsu, a very deadly weapon, an invisible one.

With these factors in mind what would you have done? I

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believe the only course open to me was to find some means to effectively scare this man off the premises and also keep him at a distance so that he could not do me any harm. The machete flashed into my mind! It is an instrument commonly used for clearing brush. We had one there which we had, for some time, used for that purpose. Immediately, I went into the side room where I kept the machete in a safe place. I came back into the main room with it and showed it to [redacted] I wanted to give him a good scare so that he would leave quickly without further trouble or attempts at provocation. The classic best way to avoid injury to either party in a situation like this is to scare one of the parties away. As I had been doing previously, I ordered him again to leave. Much to my surprise he made no move to go. Again I ordered him to leave. He stayed put. He then moved his hand towards his side and started to reach into his side pants pocket.

What is one of the first things you think of when you think of a representative of the law? A gun! The thought came to my mind: that he was reaching for a gun. The only thing I had on hand to stop him with, was the machete. It would be no match for a gun if he drew it. I could not allow him to draw a gun. I had to use the machete. I struck him moderately but firmly on the arm with the flat of the blade to discourage him. I never at any time used the edge. I was careful to use the flat side of the blade. By so doing I avoided inflicting serious injury. An examination of the doctor's testimony bears this out. [redacted] had only minor surface cuts. The minor possible injuries he received while threatening me with the two heavy wood slabs is another example of keeping the use of the machete well within reason. The use of fists or a ruler could have caused more harm.

Just what is reasonable force under these circumstances? If

a man is a trespasser on your property. You order him off. He refuses to leave, he resists leaving. He threatens you. He even constitutes a deadly threat. What is reasonable? (I at no time, up until the time he left, knew whether or not he had a gun or some other deadly instrument)

First, his is the responsibility for what happens. I was under considerable pressure from him. I had to assume he had the means with which to put up his resistance. I had to act instantaneously. I had no time to think of reasonable force objectively or measure it such as we can do in a court. I had taken the only effective means I had available to scare him away and, when necessary, to prevent harm to me. Having long been a student of history, American government and its laws, and man's inalienable rights, I knew I had every right to take such measures as I had. The facts I believe bear out that I did so well within reason. They prove that my actions were to avoid harm,

[redacted] to provoke harm.

[redacted], by so doing, was committing the real crime. A crime of grave seriousness when you consider his position and his responsibilities. Men in government are there to prevent harm not provoke it or cause it by irresponsible actions. He has now placed my whole family in jeopardy. He is succeeding in achieving his announced objective to put me out of business, and therefore, ruin me and my family.

This account is a true account and every statement in it is as accurate as I am capable of making it.



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[REDACTED] UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

South Weymouth 90, Mass.

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September 3, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We wish to thank you for the past encouragement you have given us and the support you have given our series of radio programs "The Dangers of Apathy". This series is now in its 46th week. We have had leading authorities on the subject of Communism from all parts of the country participating. In addition to radio we have also had one half hour television discussion program on Communism with more planned.

In spite of the attacks on you and the Bureau by the party respect for you and the Bureau remains at the same high level. What you have to say on this vital subject of Communist subversion is taken most seriously. Would you at this time send us a 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ minute tape (preferably interview type) and mail it to:

The Yankee Network
21 Brookline Avenue
Boston 15, Mass.
Attn: Mr. Jack Maloy
Program Director

In addition, would you send us an up to date endorsement of our program series similar to the enclosed. You can be sure that such help from you means a great deal to us and aids us considerably in our task. Please return the original enclosed endorsement.

Most Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
Vice-Chairman, Un-A.A.C.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D. C.

September 14, 1959

[Redacted]
South Weymouth 90, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of September 3, 1959, with enclosure, and I do appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

It would be an honor to make a tape recording which could be used in the radio series sponsored by the American Legion, but I am sorry that the heavy pressure of my official duties precludes me from complying. I am happy, however, to forward a brief statement which you may feel free to use in connection with your program. As you requested, I am returning the original of my previous comments which you so kindly enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(J. Edgar Hoover)
Signature

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 14, 1959

Communism remains today a serious danger to the historic liberties of our Nation. The communists are working to destroy our form of government and establish a terroristic dictatorship. They want to make America a part of the Kremlin's world empire.

The Un-American Activities Committee of the Department of Massachusetts of The American Legion should be congratulated for its excellent work in alerting our citizenry to the dangers of communism. Its radio and television programs have brought forth the dangers which this enemy poses for our Nation. An informed public opinion is America's best defense against this atheistic menace.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington 25, D. C.

October 29, 1958

The cancers of subversion and communism thrive in all areas in which the people remain unaware of their true nature and real objectives. wherever it has become strong enough, the menacing evil of Red fascism has fastened the yoke of slavery on the unsuspecting populace. I am convinced that an informed public opinion is America's best defense against the threat of atheistic communism.

The work being done by the Un-American Activities Committee of the Department of Massachusetts of the American Legion to alert Americans to this problem by a series of radio broadcasts is a most commendable endeavor. This project is certainly worthy of the support of all patriotic citizens.

(Signature)
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington 25, D. C.

March 28, 1960

[Redacted]
Dangers of Apathy
Box 402
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted]:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of March 16, 1960, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me concerning the appearance of Mr. Penha on "This Is Your Life."

To take the action you suggest would be contrary to a policy I have followed over the years. I have always been reluctant to inject the FBI or myself into matters of this nature. I feel sure you can understand my position and why it is not possible for me to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(J. Edgar Hoover)
Signature

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AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

COMMENDATION

November 22, 1959

A CIVIC AWARD

TO

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Address

South Weymouth, Massachusetts

By unanimous nomination of our General Committee, this Award is made in public recognition and grateful appreciation of valuable services rendered to the community.

Consistent with a guidance principle of our American Heritage Committee, we believe that any unselfish civic service by any patriotic person or group automatically strengthens our American Heritage.

We believe that services such as yours automatically contribute to the defense and preservation of our American Heritage, which is now under unrelenting and treacherous secret attack by the most vicious and evil enemy in history, namely, International Communism.

The Recipients of these Awards are now listed in our Honor Roll of American Heritage Defenders in the current Annual Edition of the American Heritage Committee Freedom Book.

for THE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE

General Chairman

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June 23, 1961

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EX-101

Mattapoisett, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 19, 1961, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that Armando Penha furnished information to this Bureau on a confidential basis from 1950 to 1958. He was not at any time a Special Agent of the FBI and he was compensated for his service. Penha does not have any connection with the FBI at this time.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (3)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Series from "Christianity Today"

4-17-61, Director's Internal Security Statement

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Armando (correspondent has misspelled) Penha was a paid security informant of the Boston Office. He has testified publicly at House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee hearings. (100-372696)

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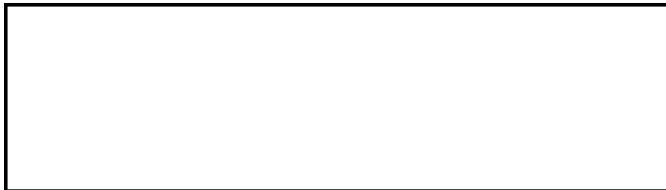
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Was Armand Penha of Fairhaven, Massachusetts an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

Respectfully,

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June 29, 1962

EX-115

Holy Name Society
Saint Patrick's Church
Falmouth, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter on June 27th and certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did. My associates and I are most grateful for your kind expression of confidence in the work being performed by this Bureau.

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Enclosed is some material I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JUN 29 1962
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What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Let's Fight Communism Saniely!

Director's speech "The Faith to be Free"
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?

The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Armando Penha was a security informant of Boston Office from 1950 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. Subsequent to his discontinuance, he testified publicly at hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (100-372696) Correct spelling per file.

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HOLY NAME SOCIETY
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS.

June 10, 1962

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Callahan _____
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Mr. Evans _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
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Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The annual Holy Name Society banquet, this organization was privileged to hear a talk given by Mr. Armand Penha, former counter-spy and FBI undercover agent.

Mr. Penha narrated on the FBI and its efforts in controlling subversive Communistic activities. Catholicism versus Communism was the general theme of the talk.

This organization would like to take this opportunity to commend and support the mission of the dedicated men and women of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully,

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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SAC, Boston

May 31, 1968

Director, FBI (100-372696)

ARLINDO PENHA
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Donahue
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Papich

Referral/Consult

On May 21, 1968, Penha telephonically advised Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan that he had been contacted by [redacted] who indicated that he had been connected with [redacted] Penha inquired if [redacted] was in anyway associated with [redacted]

For your information we have been advised by [redacted]
[redacted]

You should advise Penha that [redacted]

[redacted] It is suggested that you obtain from him additional details which might assist us in fully identifying Schosield. Your reply should be transmitted to the attention of the Liaison Section.

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Date: April 8, 1963

1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Haack
1 - Mr. Krupinsky

To: Mr. Herbert Lewis
Director
Industrial Personnel Access
Authorization Review Division
Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense (Manpower)
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: [REDACTED]
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to your letter dated April 1, 1963, concerning the captioned individual.

Confidential Informants T-1 and T-3 referred to in your letter designate Armando Penha. Penha was a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1959 to 1956. He furnished this Bureau with information regarding the CP and related activities on a regular basis from 1950 to 1958. He was compensated for the information he furnished but was not a Special Agent of the FBI. Penha has furnished reliable information in the past.

Penha publicly testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1958. He has indicated a willingness to testify in other cases. As of June, 1960, he was employed as Americanist Director, Public Affairs Department, Yankee Network Division, RKO Teleradio Pictures, Incorporated, 21 Brookline Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

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2 - Boston [REDACTED] (See note page 2)

2 - New York (100-110716) (See note page 2)

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NOTE SACs, BOSTON AND NEW YORK:

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If you receive [Redacted]

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in accordance with INSTRUCTIONS in SAC Letter 57-46.
This will require that you [Redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The subject's name was deleted from the Security Index in February, 1958. He was described as a CP functionary in the Bedford, Massachusetts, area 1951-1952. He has been interviewed in the past and furnished a signed statement admitting membership in the CP between 1950 and 1954 in Boston. He is an employee of CBS Laboratories, Stamford, Connecticut. Pertinent information concerning subject was previously furnished to interested agencies.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: September 26, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 19441-19442. Congressman Lane, (D) Massachusetts, spoke concerning a parade held in Greater Lawrence, Massachusetts, on September 23rd. Mr. Lane pointed out that in 1912 the textile mills went on strike for better wages and Communist agitators came to Lawrence and organized a demonstration that marched under the banner of "no God, no country." Mr. Lane stated "To overwhelm this affront to their faith and their patriotism, the people of Greater Lawrence turned out by the thousands in the greatest parade of its history—"for God, and country." He pointed out that the parade on September 23rd was to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this event. Mr. Lane went on to state "The meaning of this inspiring parade was summed up by Armand Penha, an FBI counterspy for 9 years and now a consultant-adviser with the Justice Department, who was an invited guest on the reviewing stand: 'You have everything here—enthusiasm and quality. I've never seen anything to match it anywhere. This is the real answer to Mr. Khrushchev's "we'll bury you" boast.'" Mr. Lane included an article from the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune. (Armand Penha is a former Boston informant per Domestic Intelligence Division).

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for September 25 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372696)
(ATTN: LIAISON SECTION)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON [redacted]

SUBJECT: ARMANDO PENHA
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 7/10/63

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On 6/20/63, ARMANDO PENHA, 131 North William Street, Fairhaven, Mass., was contacted by SA DONALD V. SHANNON. PENHA advised he is currently employed as a Manager for Mainline Paints, 275 Coffin Avenue, New Bedford, Mass. PENHA advised [redacted]

[redacted] the New Bedford, Mass. office, of which PENHA is the Manager. PENHA stated that [redacted]

[redacted] and PENHA was concerned that [redacted]

[redacted] PENHA said, however, that [redacted]

PENHA advised that [redacted]

[redacted] and PENHA [redacted]

PENHA was advised that [redacted]

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UACB, no further investigation is contemplated in this matter.

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